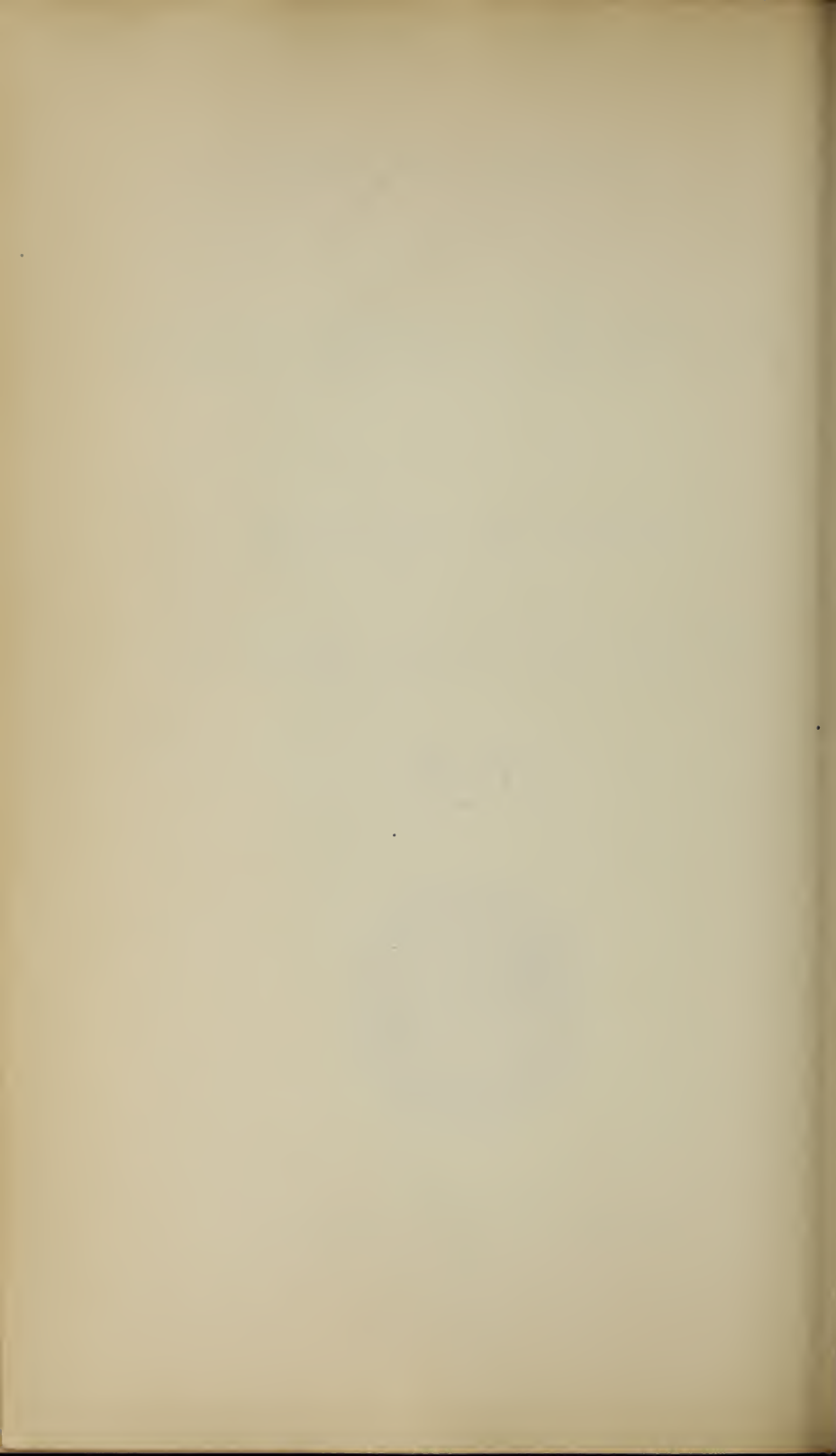


ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF AGAWAM,
For the Year Ending March 10,
1898.



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TOWN OFFICERS, 1897-98.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

JUDSON W. HASTINGS.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Board of Health.

HENRY E. BODURTHA,
R. MATHER TAYLOR,
JOHN H. REED.

School Committee.

EDWIN LEONARD, Chairman, term expires 1899.
CAROLINE S. HAYWARD, Secretary, term expires 1898.
ROBERT O. HARPER, Purchasing Agent, term expires 1900.

Tax Collectors.

MONROE HAYWARD, Agawam, DANIEL W. CORWIN, Feeding Hills,
WOODMAN PILLSBURY, Mittineague.

Auditors.

JOHN G. FREELAND, JOHN B. WARREN.

Trustees of Whiting Street Fund.

FREDERICK A. SYKES, term expires 1898.
SETH N. BENNETT, term expires 1899.

Trustees of the Public Library.

CAROLINE S. HAYWARD, term expires 1898.

S. NEWELL SMITH, term expires 1899.

HENRY L. TOWER, term expires 1900.

Highway Surveyors.

WILLIS C. CAMPBELL, Agawam.

JAMES H. EASTON, Feeding Hills.

DANIEL J. COLLINS, Mittineague.

Sinking Fund Commissioners.

DAVID L. BOWE, term expires 1898.

WILLIAM H. GRANGER, term expires 1899.

TIMOTHY J. O'BRIEN, term expires 1900.

Constables and Special Police.

ELIJAH D. ALLEN,

JAMES M. BEAN,

JOHN C. BELVILLE,

WILLIS C. CAMPBELL,

ROBERT ELY, Jr.,

CHARLES GOSSELIN,

ELMER E. McINTIRE,

FRANK J. POMEROY,

JOHN F. SHEA,

ALBERT E. WORTHINGTON,

JACOB DIEGEL,

OLIVER SMITH,

WILSON J. WARRINER,

HENRY S. PHELPS,

EDWIN M. HITCHCOCK.

Fence Viewers.

WILLIS C. CAMPBELL,

JAMES F. BARRY,

SANFORD H. SAWYER,

EPHRAIM PRINCE,

CHAUNCEY P. WILSON.

Field Drivers.

F. A. SCOTT,	MONROE HAYWARD,	JERRE ADAMS,
JAMES G. KING,	JAMES H. CLARK,	ELMER E. McINTIRE,
ROLLIN C. POMEROY,	JAMES S. SMITH,	THOMAS HALLORAN,
JOHN WRIGHT,	ETHAN D. ALLEN,	ROBERT ELY, Jr.

Surveyors of Lumber.

ROBERT ELY, JR.,

HARRISON STOCKWELL.

Measurers of Wood.

CHARLES W. HASTINGS,

HARVEY E. PORTER,

HENRY L. TOWER,

CHARLES H. WYMAN,

ALSON W. ALLEN,

JOHN C. BELVILLE.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

EDWARD K. BODURTHA.

Sealer of Leather.

SUMNER CLARK.

Public Weighers.

CHARLES W. HASTINGS,

HARVEY E. PORTER,

CHARLES H. WYMAN,

DANIEL LEONARD.

Fish Wardens.

LEVI RIVERS,

FRANK P. COVILL.

Forest Fire Wardens.

ROBERT ELY, JR.,

WILSON J. WARRINER,

SAMUEL S. BODURTHA,

BYRON C. ROBERTS.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions.

EDWIN LEONARD.

Assistant Town Clerk.

CHARLES W. HASTINGS.

Burial Agent.

EMERSON L. COVILL.

Registrars of Voters.

GEORGE D. FISK, Chairman, term expires 1900.

EDWARD A. KELLOGG, term expires 1898.

HENRY A. HUNTINGTON, term expires 1899.

JUDSON W. HASTINGS (ex officio).

**Representative to the General Court,
Second Hampden District.**

ARTHUR D. KING, of Ludlow.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

RECORDS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1898.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 5, 1897.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Result of vote for Moderator :--

James W. Moore received	37
Scattering,	5

ARTICLE 2. To choose by ballot for the ensuing year, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, a Board of Health of three members, three Collectors of Taxes, two Auditors, three Surveyors of Highways, ten Constables, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, one Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, one Trustee of Whiting Street Fund for two years and one for one year to fill a vacancy, also to vote on the same ballot upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town."

Elmer E. McIntire and John O'Connell appointed ballot clerks were sworn by the Moderator. A package containing four hundred and eighty-five official ballots and eighty-two ballots "for women only" was delivered to the ballot clerks and their receipt taken for the same. Ballot box inspected, found empty, dial set

at o-o-o, locked and key delivered to a Constable. Polls declared open for the purpose of voting for officers specified in Article 2, and on the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town."

Voted—To close the polls at 4 p. m.

At the close of the polls the Moderator appointed as tellers to assist in the counting of the ballots, John R. Bodurtha, Scott Adams, James F. Barry, George D. Fisk, Lewis A. Barden, James H. Clark, John O'Connell, Oscar L. King, Patrick T. Donovan, George H. Reed, Charles W. Hastings, Joseph C. McVeigh. They were sworn to a faithful discharge of their duties by the Moderator.

At the close of polls, dial registered	. . . . .	350
Names checked on both lists,	. . . . .	349
Number of ballots found in the box,	. . . . .	349

Result of the vote as declared latter :—

For Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Judson W. Hastings of Feeding Hills, received	. . . . .	271
Blanks,	. . . . .	78

For Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Board of Health.

Henry E. Bodurtha of Agawam, received	. . . . .	269
William W. Day of Agawam, received	. . . . .	146
Frank L. Johnson of Feeding Hills, received	. . . . .	125
John H. Reed of Mittineague, received	. . . . .	167
R. Mather Taylor of Feeding Hills, received	. . . . .	210
Blanks,	. . . . .	130

For School Committee for Three Years.

Robert O. Harper of Mittineague, received	. . . . .	191
Henry L. Tower of Mittineague, received	. . . . .	128
Blanks,	. . . . .	30

For Tax Collectors.

James J. Carroll of Feeding Hills, received . . .	122
Daniel W. Corwin of Feeding Hills, received . . .	195
Amos Gosselin of Mittineague, received . . .	272
Monroe Hayward of Agawam, received . . .	252
Blanks,	206

For Library Trustee for Three Years.

Robert O. Harper of Mittineague, received . . .	155
Henry L. Tower of Mittineague, received . . .	161
Blanks,	33

For Auditors.

Charles P. Davis of Agawam, received . . .	139
John G. Freeland of Feeding Hills, received . . .	193
Albert K. Fuller of Feeding Hills, received . . .	112
John B. Warren of Mittineague, received . . .	162
Blanks,	92

Trustee of Whiting Street Fund for Two Years.

Seth N. Bennett of Agawam, received . . .	188
Henry C. Smith of Feeding Hills, received . . .	123
Blanks,	38

Trustee of Whiting Street Fund for One Year.

Charles L. Brown of Feeding Hills, received . . .	150
Fred. A. Sykes of Agawam, received . . .	157
Blanks,	42

For Highway Surveyors.

Willis C. Campbell of Agawam, received . . .	251
Daniel J. Collins of Mittineague, received . . .	202
James H. Easton of Feeding Hills, received . . .	182
Daniel L. White of Feeding Hills, received . . .	182
Blanks,	230

For Sinking Fund Commissioner for Three Years.

Timothy J. O'Brien of Mittineague, received . . .	190
John B. Warren of Mittineague, received . . .	1
Henry L. Tower of Mittineague, received . . .	1
Seth N. Bennett of Agawam, received . . .	1
Blanks,	156

For Constables.

Elijah D. Allen of Agawam, received . . .	187
James M. Bean of Mittineague, received . . .	201
John C. Belville of Feeding Hills, received . . .	155
John R. Bourke of Agawam, received . . .	119
John F. Buckley of Mittineague, received . . .	98
Willis C. Campbell of Agawam, received . . .	173
James J. Carroll of Feeding Hills, received . . .	108
John Curran of Mittineague, received . . .	118
Robert Ely, Jr., of Agawam, received . . .	149
Charles Gosselin of Mittineague, received . . .	183
Elmer E. McIntire of Feeding Hills, received . . .	184
Israel Paro of Mittineague, received . . .	77
Frank J. Pomeroy of Agawam, received . . .	163
Van Ness Roberts of Feeding Hills, received . . .	106
John F. Shea of Feeding Hills, received . . .	177
Wilson J. Warriner of Mittineague, received . . .	140
Albert E. Worthington of Agawam, received . . .	147
Henry Tower of Mittineague, received . . .	1
Blanks,	1005

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?

Yes,	152
No,	158
Blanks,	39

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary town officers not provided for in the foregoing article.

The following were elected by acclamation :—

FENCE VIEWERS.—Willis C. Campbell, James F. Barry, Sanford H. Sawyer, Ephraim Prince, Chauncy P. Wilson.

FIELD DRIVERS.—F. A. Scott, Monroe Hayward, Jerre Adams, James G. King, James H. Clark, Elmer E. McIntire, Rollin C. Pomeroy, James S. Smith, Thomas Halloran, John Wright, Ethan D. Allen, Robert Ely, Jr.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.—Robert Ely, Jr., Harrison Stockwell.

MEASURERS OF WOOD.—Charles W. Hastings, Harvey E. Porter, Henry L. Tower, Charles H. Wyman, Alson W. Allen, John C. Belville.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.—Edward K. Bodurtha.

SEALER OF LEATHER.—Sumner Clark.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.—Charles W. Hastings, Harvey E. Porter, Charles H. Wyman, Daniel Leonard.

ARTICLE 4. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

Voted—To accept the Town Clerk's report as printed.

"	"	Treasurer's	"	"
"	"	Assessors'	"	"
"	"	Overseers of the Poor report as printed.		
"	"	Selectmen's	"	"
"	"	Library Trustees'	"	"
"	"	School Committee's	"	"

Voted—On motion of T. M. Roberts, that all taxes due under assessment of 1896 be collected and paid into the treasury by the first day of July, 1897, and in case of default the Selectmen be ordered to proceed against the bondsmen of the collectors at once.

ARTICLE 5. To see what method the Town will adopt for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

Voted—On motion of William L. Meacham, that the care of the poor be left in the hands of the Overseers of the Poor.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow temporarily, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, a sum not to exceed five thousand dollars, as the same may be from time to time required, and to give a note or notes of the Town for money so borrowed, and that he be also authorized to pay such loans from said taxes.

Voted—Two-thirds present voting in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the observance of Memorial Day.

George D. Fisk moved that the Town appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for Memorial Day.

T. M. Roberts moved to amend by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting "thirty-five."

Voted—On the amendment, affirmative, 44 ; negative, 38.

Voted—On the question as amended in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the building of a sewer in Mittineague, according to plans in the hands of the Selectmen.

Voted—On motion of William L. Meacham, that the sum of six hundred dollars be appropriated for the building of sewers in Mittineague and that three-fourths of the cost of building said sewers shall be assessed upon the abutters and those benefitted thereby and all assessments be paid into the treasury within three months from time of completion. Affirmative, 74 ; negative, 49.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote a discount on taxes.

Voted—On motion of William L. Meacham, that a discount of five per cent. be allowed on all taxes paid in on or before October 20, 1897.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will charge interest on taxes.

Voted—On motion of Edward A. Kellogg, that six per cent. interest be charged on all taxes remaining unpaid after November 1, 1897.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept a "Trust Fund" under the will of Mary A. Phelon, which provides that said fund shall be invested and managed by the Treasurer of the Town of Agawam as trustee, the income to be used annually under the supervision of the Agawam Town School Committee, solely for the benefit of the schools in Feeding Hills parish.

Voted—On motion of E. A. Kellogg, that the Town accept the "Trust Fund" under the provisions of the will of Mary A. Phelon, which are that said Trust Fund shall be invested and managed by the Treasurer of the Town of Agawam and his successors in office as trustees, the income to be used annually under the supervision of the Agawam Town School Committee solely for the benefit of the schools in Feeding Hills parish.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will accept a private way as laid out by the Selectmen over land of Edward M. and Jennie E. Wright.

Voted—On motion of William L. Meacham, to accept the right of way as laid out by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will take any action in regard to building a new bridge over the Agawam river.

Voted—On motion of W. L. Meacham, that the subject matter of the article be left with the Selectmen with power to act.

Voted—On motion of George D. Fisk, to reconsider.

Voted—On motion of E. A. Kellogg, that when this meeting does adjourn that it adjourn to April 26, at 1 p. m. at this place.

Voted—On motion of George D. Fisk, that further action on Article 13 be postponed until April 26, at 1 p. m.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to place fire extinguishers in the town buildings.

Voted—On motion of E. A. Kellogg, that the matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 15. To make the necessary appropriations for the ensuing year, and to vote to raise by tax such sums of money as may be required for the same.

Voted—To appropriate and raise by tax for

Schools, Superintendent and Supplies,	\$5,500.00
High School Tuition,	600.00
Highways and Bridges,	2,500.00
South End Bridge,	400.00
Support of Poor,	2,500.00
Contingencies,	800.00
Town Officers,	1,000.00
State Aid,	250.00
Interest,	1,800.00
Sinking Fund,	900.00
Town Debt,	600.00
Care of Town Halls,	50.00
Repair of Town Buildings,	200.00
Street Lights,	100.00
Collection of Taxes,	300.00
Discount on Taxes,	750.00
Memorial Day,	35.00
Sewers,	600.00

\$18,885.00

Voted—On motion of W. L. Meacham, that further action under this article be postponed until April 26.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will accept the following list of jurors: Charles W. Hastings, Willis C. Campbell, John Wright, Joseph C. McVeigh, Monroe Hayward, Frank J. Pomeroy, James T. Brady, Samuel S. Bodurtha, Ralph Perry, Jr., John Reilly, Edmund N. Powers, Henry L. Tower, Herbert Knox, Woodman Pillsbury, Amos Gosselin, Daniel O'Brien, Wilson J. Warriner, James F. Barry, Charles L. Brown, Samuel N. Smith, William H. Granger, George E. Howe, Albert H. Brown, Edward M. Wright, Oscar A. Parks, James J. Othick, William L. Meacham.

Voted—To excuse William L. Meacham, on his request.

Voted—To substitute the name of John Oldroyd for that of Charles W. Hastings, on the request of the latter.

Voted—To accept the list as printed with the above changes.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to gather historical facts with a view of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the town.

Voted—On motion of Edward K. Bodurtha, that a committee of five consisting of Judson W. Hastings, Frank L. Johnson, Lewis L. Whitman, Scott Adams and Edwin Leonard, 2d, to serve without compensation, be appointed to collect historical material, looking forward to a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the town.

ARTICLE 18. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Voted—On motion of William H. Porter, the adoption of the following resolutions :—

* *Resolved*—That the present basis of maintaining the South End Bridge, so called, be deemed an injustice upon this Town, and be it further

Resolved—That it be the sense of this meeting that a readjustment be applied for, when in the judgment of the Selectmen the time seems favorable for securing the same.

Voted—That the Town Clerk be authorized to furnish copies of the above resolutions to the Springfield newspapers.

Voted—On motion of Charles L. Brown, that beginning with the year 1898, a copy of the Town Reports be mailed to each voter of the town at least four days prior to the date of the annual town meeting, and that no reports be distributed at the town meeting.

Voted—To adjourn this meeting until 1 p. m., April 26, at this place.

JUDSON W. HASTINGS,
Town Clerk.

To the Town Clerk of Agawam:

We, the undersigned citizens of Agawam, believing an error to have been made in the counting of votes, at the recent annual meeting of the town, cast for Highway Surveyor, hereby petition for a recount of the same.

HENRY E. BODURTHA,	J. C. BELVILLE,
JOHN H. REED,	F. L. FURROW,
R. M. TAYLOR,	H. J. SHAW,
A. K. FULLER,	J. G. FREELAND,
FRED P. HALLADAY,	D. E. TAYLOR,
E. M. WRIGHT.	

Petition filed April 7, 1897.

On the above petition a recount has been made and the result is as follows:—

Willis C. Campbell, received	.	.	.	.	.	.	251
Daniel J. Collins, received	.	.	.	.	.	.	201
James H. Easton, received	.	.	.	.	.	.	182
Daniel L. White, received	.	.	.	.	.	.	182
Blanks,	.	.	.	.	.	.	231

JAMES W. MOORE, Moderator.

E. K. BODURTHA,
JUDSON W. HASTINGS,
R. M. TAYLOR,

Tellers.

Agawam, April 8, 1897.

WARRANT FOR ADJOURNED MEETING.

HAMPDEN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Agawam:

GREETING: You are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Agawam, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in Agawam on Monday, April 26, at one o'clock, p. m. (it being the adjourned annual town meeting), then and there to cast their ballots for one Highway Surveyor, there being a vacancy in said office caused by a tie vote.

The polls will be opened at one o'clock, p. m., and may be closed in four hours.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

HENRY E. BODURTHA,
R. MATHER TAYLOR,
JOHN H. REED,

Selectmen of Agawam.

I have served this warrant as directed.

JAMES M. BEAN,
Constable.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Town Hall, Agawam, April 26, 1897.

Voters assembled at time and place designated in vote of April 5th. Meeting called to order by James W. Moore, the Moderator.

Voted—To take a recess until 1.30 p. m.

Town Clerk read the warrant calling for a ballot for a Highway Surveyor, because of a vacancy caused by a tie vote at the annual meeting. James F. Barry and Frank R. Pomeroy appointed ballot clerks, were sworn by the Moderator. A package containing 500 official ballots was delivered to the ballot clerks, for which they gave a receipt.

Ballot box inspected, dial set at 0-0-0.

Polls declared open.

Voted—To close the polls at 5 o'clock.

At close of polls—

Names checked,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	75
Ballots in box, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	75
Dial registered,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	76

Result of vote as declared later—

James H. Easton of Feeding Hills, received	.	.	.	40
Daniel L. White of Feeding Hills, received	.	.	.	35

ARTICLE 13. At 1.30 p. m. The Moderator stated the motion of William L. Meacham, which was open for discussion under Article 13.

Mr. E. P. Bartholomew of West Springfield was called upon to make a statement regarding the Springfield and Southwestern Street Railway Co., which he did.

Voted—On the original motion, in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 8. Daniel J. Collins moved to reconsider the action taken under Article 8 of the warrant. Voted, affirmative, 23 ; negative, 24.

ARTICLE 15. *Voted*—On motion of Albert K. Fuller, to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), to be used at the discretion of the Selectmen, for the proposed new bridge across the Agawam river, in place of the old Agawam bridge between Agawam and West Springfield.

Voted—On motion of John G. Freeland, that the sum of twenty thousand, eight hundred and eighty-five dollars, in addition to the State and County taxes, be assessed upon the polls of the inhabitants, and the estates of the residents and non-residents of Agawam, and be committed to the collectors of taxes on or before September 1, 1897, and that the Selectmen be authorized and directed to proceed against the collectors and their bondsmen for all taxes unpaid February 1, 1898.

Voted—At 5.10 p. m., that this meeting be dissolved.

JUDSON W. HASTINGS,

Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION.

NOVEMBER 2, 1897.

HAMPDEN, SS.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Agawam in said County:

GREETING :—In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Agawam qualified to vote in elections, to meet in their respective polling places, viz.: Those resident in Precinct A, in the basement of the schoolhouse situated in said precinct and those resident in Precinct B, in the Town Hall in Feeding Hills, on Tuesday, the second day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, then and there to bring in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Representative in Congress for the First District, Councillor for the Eighth District, Senator for the Second Hampden District, Representative in the General Court for the Second Hampden District, County Commissioner, Register of Deeds and County Treasurer. The polls will be opened at six o'clock, a. m., and may be closed in four hours, and must be closed before sunset.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies, one in each of the Post Offices in said Town and one in the store of Hermenegilde Letellier at least seven days before the time of holding said election. Hereof fail not, and make due return of

this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said election. •

Given under our hands this twentieth day of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

HENRY E. BODURTHA,
R. MATHER TAYLOR,
JOHN H. REED,

Selectmen of Agawam.

I have served this warrant as directed.

JAMES M. BEAN,

Constable.

Agawam, Mass., Oct. 22, 1897.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held October 1, 1897, the following Precinct Officers were appointed :—

<i>Precinct A</i> —Warden,	John B. Warren
Deputy Warden,	Woodman Pillsbury
Clerk,	John O'Connell
Deputy Clerk,	P. T. Donovan
Inspectors,	William Savin, D. J. Collins
Deputy Inspectors,	Daniel Murphy, Amos Gosselin

<i>Precinct B</i> —Warden,	John G. Freeland
Deputy Warden,	Ralph Perry, Jr.
Clerk,	John R. Bodurtha
Deputy Clerk,	James F. Barry
Inspectors,	Elmer E. McIntire, A. E. Worthington
Deputy Inspectors,	Scott Adams, Frank L. Johnson

DIGEST OF THE REPORTS OF THE PRECINCT CLERKS.

NOVEMBER 2, 1897.

Voters assembled at the polling places designated in the warrant. Sealed packages received from the Secretary of State were delivered to the Wardens, who gave receipts for the same. The ballot boxes were inspected, locked and keys delivered to Constables.

The precinct officers were sworn by the Wardens, who had previously been sworn by the Town Clerk. In Precinct A, Edward Gosselin was appointed deputy inspector in place of Amos Gosselin. In Precinct B, R. Mather Taylor was appointed teller to assist in counting the ballots, and sworn by the Warden.

In Precinct A, it was voted to close the polls at 3 p. m.

In Precinct B, it was voted to close the polls at 4 p. m.

At close of polls, number of names checked, Precinct A,	82
“ “ “ “ “ “ B,	107
Number of ballots found in box, in Precinct A, . .	82
“ “ “ “ “ “ B, . .	107
Dial registered in Precinct A,	227
“ “ “ B,	107

RESULT OF COUNT.

FOR GOVERNOR.	PRECINCT A.	PRECINCT B.	TOTAL.
John Bascom of Williamstown,	1	3	4
Thomas C. Brophy of Boston,	1		1
William Everett of Quincy,	5	9	14
George Fred Williams of Dedham,	51	26	77
Roger Wolcott of Boston,	22	67	89
Blanks,	2	2	4
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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

PRECINCT A. PRECINCT B. TOTAL.

Edward A. Buckland of South Hadley,	2	2	4
Christopher T. Callahan of Holyoke,	46	20	66
James E. Cotter of Hyde Park,	3	8	11
W. Murray Crane of Dalton,	22	65	87
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly,	1	8	9
Blanks,	8	4	12

FOR SECRETARY.

Addison W. Barr of Worcester,	3	2	5
Charles D. Nash of Whitman,	46	24	70
William M. Olin of Boston,	19	66	85
Edwin Sawtell of Brockton,	2	4	6
Bernard M. Wolf of Boston,		6	6
Blanks,	12	5	17

FOR TREASURER.

George A. Brown of Lynn,	3	1	4
Robert C. Habberley of Hyde Park,	1	4	5
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport,	18	67	85
Horace P. Tobey of Wareham,	4	8	12
Thomas A. Watson of Braintree,	48	23	71
Blanks,	8	4	12

FOR AUDITOR.

Joseph Ballam of Boston,	2		2
Harry Douglas of Great Barrington,	5	8	13
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg,	22	67	89
Joseph Henry Sheldon of Haverhill,	43	23	66
Herbert M. Small of Templeton,	1	4	5
Blanks,	9	5	14

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst,	1	5	6
William Harrison of Lawrence,	1	1	2
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford,	20	62	82
William W. McClench of Chicopee,	11	13	24
John A. O'Keefe of Lynn,	39	20	59
Blanks,	10	6	16

FOR COUNCILLOR, EIGHTH DISTRICT. PRECINCT A. PRECINCT B. TOTAL.			
William B. Plunkett of Adams,	21	66	87
Edward J. Tierney of Westfield,	53	33	86
Blanks,	8	6	16

FOR SENATOR, SECOND HAMPDEN DISTRICT.			
Dwight H. Ives of Holyoke,	13	69	82
William B. Mahoney of Westfield,	65	33	98
Blanks,	4	5	9

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.			
James Haviland of Ludlow,	53	36	89
Arthur D. King of Ludlow,	21	66	87
Blanks,	8	5	13

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.			
Joel H. Hendrick of Springfield,	21	68	89
George W. D. Upton of Springfield,	53	35	88
Blanks,	8	4	12

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.			
John P. Pero of Springfield,	55	29	84
James R. Wells of Springfield,	18	74	92
Blanks,	9	4	13

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.			
M. Wells Bridge of Springfield,	22	73	95
Elmer W. Dickerman of Westfield,	50	32	82
Blanks,	10	2	12

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, FIRST DISTRICT (TO FILL VACANCY).			
George D. Crittenden of Buckland,	2	6	8
Roger P. Donoghue of Holyoke,	54	34	88
George P. Lawrence of North Adams,	19	66	85
Blanks,	7	1	8

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of the several towns comprising the Second Hampden Representative District, held at the Clerk's office in Longmeadow at twelve o'clock (noon), on Friday, twelfth day of November, 1897, the transcripts were examined and com-

pared and the whole number of ballots found to be cast for Representative in said district was found to be eight hundred and seventy, of which James Haviland of Ludlow received three hundred. Arthur D. King of Ludlow received five hundred and thirty-seven, as follows by towns :—

TOWNS.	HAVILAND.	KING.	BLANKS.
Agawam,	89	87	13
East Longmeadow,	23	70	1
Granville,	26	43	4
Hampden,	13	30	2
Longmeadow,	11	40	4
Ludlow,	64	111	
Southwick,	33	55	6
Tolland,	6	16	
Wilbraham,	35	85	3
Total,	<u>300</u>	<u>537</u>	<u>33</u>

JUDSON W. HASTINGS,

Town Clerk of Agawam.

O. L. WOLCOTT,

Town Clerk of East Longmeadow.

ELMER E. SMITH,

Town Clerk of Granville.

JOHN Q. ADAMS,

Town Clerk of Hampden.

W. F. EMERSON,

Town Clerk of Longmeadow.

A. H. BARTLETT,

Town Clerk of Ludlow.

GEORGE W. BRACE,

Town Clerk of Southwick.

WILBERT MUNN,

Town Clerk of Tolland.

CHAS. E. STACY,

Town Clerk of Wilbraham.

SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT TOWN HALL IN FEEDING HILLS, MARCH 4, 1898.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Result of vote for Moderator :—

James W. Moore, received	.	.	.	.	35
Thomas M. Roberts, received	.	.	.	.	3
Albert H. Brown, received	.	.	.	.	2
Oscar A. Parks, received	.	.	.	.	1

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to abolish the office of Highway Surveyors.

T. M. Roberts moved that the Town abolish the office of Highway Surveyors or Surveyor.

William Savin raised the point of order that the article was illegal and out of order. The Moderator sustained the point of order. On an appeal to the house from the decision of the Moderator, the ruling of the Moderator was sustained.

Voted—On motion of William Savin, to pass over Article 2.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Selectmen shall be, and perform the duties of Highway Surveyors in and for the Town.

Voted—On motion of William Savin, to pass over Article 3.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will instruct their Selectmen in reference to a proposed highway between Westfield and West Springfield.

Wm. Savin moved that a committee of one be appointed by

the chair to represent the Town at the hearing before the County Commissioners and report at the annual town meeting.

Voted in the negative.

D. J. Collins moved that the Selectmen appear at the hearing.

W. L. Meacham moved to amend by addition of the words "and be instructed to oppose the building of the proposed highway."

Voted—On the amendment in the affirmative.

Voted—On the motion as amended, in the negative.

ARTICLE 5. Voted on motion of D. J. Collins that this meeting be dissolved.

JUDSON W. HASTINGS,
Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN AGAWAM FOR THE YEAR 1897.

<i>Date and Place of Marriage.</i>	<i>Names and Surnames of Groom and Bride.</i>	<i>Residence of Each at Time of Marriage.</i>	<i>Age of Each.</i>	<i>Occupation of Each.</i>	<i>Place of Birth of Each.</i>	<i>Names of Parents (Maiden Name of Mother.)</i>	<i>No. of Mar'ge.</i>	<i>By Whom Married.</i>
January 4, Agawam	Alfred Dumond	Agawam	24	Carpenter	Canada	Eli and Manique Labelle	1st	Joseph M. A. Genest, Pastor, Fr. Catholic Church, Maitinegue.
March 23, Agawam	Ellen Roberts	Agawam	17	At Home	Agawam	Arthur and Adeline Robert	1st	Walter Rice, Pastor, Agawam Congregational Church.
March 31, Agawam	William W. Allen	Agawam	23	Farmer	Suffield, Ct.	Alson W. and Hattie Woods	1st	Otis W. Barker, Pastor, Congregational Church, Newtown, Ct.
March 31, Agawam	Jennie E. Allen	Agawam	20	Farmer	Southwick	James W. and Margaret Molloy	1st	Frank L. Garfield, Pastor, Congregational Church, Feeding Hills
April 11, Agawam	Arthur William Easton	Agawam	25	House Painter	Bridgewater	James H. and Frances Sperry	1st	Joseph M. A. Genest, Pastor, Fr. Catholic Church, Maitinegue.
April 11, Agawam	Alice Rebecca Whalley	Newtown, Ct.	21	Domestic	Reading	Reuben and Marion J. Fitcher	1st	Walter Rice, Pastor, Congregational Church, Agawam.
April 10, Agawam	Joseph H. La Claire	Mason, N. H.	20	House Painter	Agawam	William and Mary H. Boutwell	1st	P. J. Hayes, R. C. Priest, 308 East 37th St., New York.
April 10, Agawam	Lora T. Smith	Agawam	17	Woolen Finisher	Agawam	James S. and Anna L. White	1st	Joseph M. A. Genest, Pastor, Fr. Catholic Church, Maitinegue.
April 25, Agawam	George Elmer Moulton	Stafford, Ct.	40	At Home	Brimfield	David and Mary G. Graves	3rd	Walter Rice, Pastor, Congregational Church, Agawam.
April 25, W. Springfield	Ada L. (Dugan) Willey	Agawam	35	At Home	Agawam	William and Emily A. Willey	1st	J. J. O'Keefe, R. C. Clergyman, West Springfield.
May 5, W. Springfield	Patrick J. Moriarty	Agawam	22	Papermaker	Turners Falls	James and Annie Riley	1st	M. J. Ahern, R. C. Clergyman, West Springfield.
May 5, W. Springfield	Annie S. Hartford	Springfield	22	Insurance Agt.	Monson	Michael and Johanna Maher	1st	S. G. Buckingham, Clergyman, Springfield.
May 12, Springfield	Thomas W. Lockwood	Agawam	23	Domestic	Agawam	Patrick and Mary McMahon	1st	Joseph M. A. Genest, Pastor, Fr. Catholic Church, Maitinegue.
May 12, Springfield	Minnie J. Griffin	Agawam	23	Domestic	Hatfield	Emerson and Martha Horton	1st	Charles S. Sylvester, Clergyman, Feeding Hills.
May 31, Agawam	Frank P. Coyell	Agawam	32	Farmer	Rotterdam, Hol'nd	Peter and Bertha Buckhold	1st	W. C. Townsend, Pastor, M. E. Church, Chicopee Falls.
May 31, Agawam	Annette Pietersz	Springfield	32	At Home	Manchester, N. H.	Simon and Delphine Renaud	1st	Paul Van Dyke, Pastor, Edwards Church, Northampton.
June 1, Agawam	Nelson E. Maurice	Springfield	23	Carpenter	Canada	Cesaire and Delia Besette	1st	Frank L. Garfield, Pastor, Congregational Church, Feeding Hills.
June 1, Agawam	Marla Quintal	Agawam	16	Papermaker	Deering, Me.	Thomas and Melitade Waterhouse	1st	J. J. O'Keefe, R. C. Clergyman, West Springfield.
June 5, Agawam	Arthur Ingersoll	Springfield	30	Printer	Hinsdale, N. H.	George E. and Helen P. Butler	1st	Walter Rice, Pastor, Congregational Church, Agawam.
June 5, Chicopee	Bernice L. Howe	Agawam	23	At Home	Ireland	John and Catherine Stinson	2d	P. J. Hayes, R. C. Priest, 308 East 37th St., New York.
June 5, Hadley	John Ross	Agawam	55	Farmer	Stockport, N. Y.	Edward and Esther Duce	2d	Joseph M. A. Genest, Pastor, Fr. Catholic Church, Maitinegue.
June 23, Hadley	Mary (Conner) Lane	Chicopee	57	Domestic	Northampton	George L. and Elizabeth Sawtelle	1st	Walter Rice, Pastor, Congregational Church, Agawam.
June 23, Hadley	Herbert A. Harris	Agawam	23	Milk Peddler	Hartford, Ct.	Roswell S. and Emma J. Prindle	1st	Walter Rice, Pastor, Congregational Church, Agawam.
June 16, Agawam	Fannie J. Gaylord	Hadley	22	At Home	Suffield, Ct.	Henry S. S. and Augusta W. Brooks	1st	Walter Rice, Pastor, Congregational Church, Agawam.
June 16, Agawam	Walter C. Noble	Agawam	23	Carpenter	New Canille, Ind	Amos and Martha Van Deusen	1st	Walter Rice, Pastor, Congregational Church, Agawam.
July 20, W. Springfield	Mate Rodgers	Kewance, Ill.	22	Papermaker	Northampton	Patrick and Honora Dunn	1st	Walter Rice, Pastor, Congregational Church, Agawam.
July 20, W. Springfield	Michael Joseph Hawley	W. Springfield	18	At Home	Boston	Patrick and Catherine Crowley	1st	Walter Rice, Pastor, Congregational Church, Agawam.
July 3, Agawam	Margaret Mary Sullivan	Agawam	20	Teamster	Westford, Vt.	Charles and Harriet M. Clure	1st	P. J. Hayes, R. C. Priest, 308 East 37th St., New York.
August 11, Agawam	Joseph Bedore	Agawam	22	At Home	Suffield, Ct.	Dennis J. and Ellen Holland	1st	Joseph M. A. Genest, Pastor, Fr. Catholic Church, Maitinegue.
August 11, New York, N. Y.	Emma La Violette	Agawam	24	Salesman	W. Springfield	Mathew and Julia Downey	2d	Joseph M. A. Genest, Pastor, Fr. Catholic Church, Maitinegue.
October 12, Agawam	Daniel A. Crowley	Agawam	39	At Home	Norfolk, Ct.	William and Julia Venson	1st	Joseph M. A. Genest, Pastor, Fr. Catholic Church, Maitinegue.
October 12, Agawam	Martha A. (Farley) Granger	Russell	22	Brickmaker	Canada	Horace and Eliza La Claire	1st	Joseph M. A. Genest, Pastor, Fr. Catholic Church, Maitinegue.
October 12, Agawam	Moses Decoteau	Agawam	22	Papermaker	Providence, R. I.		1st	Joseph M. A. Genest, Pastor, Fr. Catholic Church, Maitinegue.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN AGAWAM FOR THE YEAR 1897.—Continued.

<i>Date and Place of Marriage.</i>	<i>Names and Surnames of Groom and Bride.</i>	<i>Residence of Each at Time of Marriage.</i>	<i>Age of Each.</i>	<i>Occupation of Each.</i>	<i>Place of Birth of Each.</i>	<i>Names of Parents, (Maiden Name of Mother.)</i>	<i>No. of Marriage.</i>	<i>By Whom Married.</i>
October 26, Agawam	William Decorte	Agawam	19	Plating	Montreal, Canada	John and Audzell La Land	1st	Joseph M. A. Genest, Pastor, Fr. Catholic Church, Mittheague.
October 23, Granby, Ct.	Lillie Jerome	Agawam	17	Farmer	Agawam	Abraham and Oezema Menard	1st	Rev. S. E. Evans, Granby, Ct.
November 9, Springfield	Joseph Morgan	Agawam	67	Dressmaker	New Britain, Ct.	Amasa and Mary Buckley	2d	George W. Quick, Pastor, Highland Baptist Church, Springfield.
November 20, W. Springfield	Alice A. (Stoughton) Howard	La Grange, Vt.	40	Polisher	La Grange, Vt.	Frank W. and Johanna Hazen	1st	J. J. O'Keefe, R. C. Clergyman, West Springfield.
December 22, Agawam	Edwin Lucius Cross	Springfield	26	Papermaker	Agawam	Lucius H. and Clarinda Rice	1st	George W. Clark, Pastor, M. E. Church, Feeding Hills.
	Mary Lavina Warriner	Agawam	20	Printer	Pier, Italy	Wilson J. and Mary A. Slater	1st	
	Carlo Castelli	Agawam	22	Domestic	Ferocano, Italy	Giovanni and Marguerita Alessio	1st	
	Rosenna Simona	Agawam	29		Chitopee	Barbieri and Catherina Sirona	1st	
	J. Roland C. Browning	W. Springfield	20		Agawam	E. C. Colby and Arabella A. Browning	1st	
	Ruth A. Johnson	Agawam	20			Edward L. and Oelia M. Brooks	1st	

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN AGAWAM FOR YEAR 1897.

<i>Date of Birth.</i>	<i>Name of Child.</i>	<i>Sex.</i>	<i>Place of Birth.</i>	<i>Names of Parents. (Maiden Name of Mother.)</i>	<i>Residence of Parents.</i>	<i>Occupation of Father.</i>	<i>Birthplace of Father.</i>	<i>Birthplace of Mother.</i>
Jan 28	Lloyd Irving Taylor.....	m	Agawam	Charles H. and Maria A. Manning	Agawam	Farmer	Stockholm, N. Y.	Lawrence, N. Y.
Jan 29	Jerry Joseph Brow.....	m	Feeding Hills	Jerry and Clara Geroux	"	Farm Laborer	Highgate, Vt.	Farmham, Canada
Feb 2	Henry Edward Vezina.....	m	Mittineague	Stanislas and Dalvina Pleau	"	Carpenter	Canada	Canada
Feb 5	Milton James Collins.....	m	Mittineague	James A. and Elmira Dubour	"	Steamfitter	Agawam	Agawam
Feb 7	Florence Frances Josephine Perron	f	Mittineague	Louis and Josephine Meure	"	Barber	Canada	Agawam
Feb 9	Phoebe Blanche Le Bonte.....	f	Mittineague	George L. and Lea Gosselin	"	Laborer	Springfield	Agawam
Feb 20	Ruth Adella Moran.....	f	Feeding Hills	Arthur D. and Stella C. Spear	"	Farm Laborer	Wind-sor L'ks, Ct.	Smithfield, Ct.
Feb 26	Nabel Frances Duclos.....	f	Mittineague	Frank S. and Katherine O'Brien	"	Carpenter	West Springfield	Waupan, Wis.
Mch 12	Leon Seymour Huntley.....	m	Feeding Hills	Charles T. and Fanny A. Kathan	"	Farmer	Agawam	Agawam
Mch 16	Irene Kathon Crous.....	f	Agawam	Carl and Annie Funka	"	Farmer	Pittsfield	Brattleboro, Vt.
Mch 29	Robert Harry Deuch.....	m	Agawam	Vincent J. and Cella Mars	"	Farm Laborer	Germany	Germany
Mch 30	Albert George Morey.....	m	Agawam	Daniel and Nora O'Brien	"	Carpenter	Franklin, Vt.	Milford
Mch 30	Raymond Sullivan.....	m	Feeding Hills	James H. and Alice E. Roberts	"	Farmer	Agawam	Ireland
April 5	Raymond Craven.....	m	Mittineague	Edw'd H. and Grace B. Woodworth	"	Papermaker	Ware	England
May 1	Hazel Irene Morse.....	f	Mittineague	Albert H. and Fanny Covell	"	Farm Laborer	Granby, Ct.	Providence, R. I.
May 16	Bernice Adell Brown.....	f	Feeding Hills	Wilfred and Emma Ferreault	"	Farmer	Agawam	Hatfield
May 30	Emma Paulina Duclos.....	f	Mittineague	Chas. Edward and Nellie M. White	"	Carpenter	Agawam	Chicopee
May 31	Gladis Madeline Rose.....	f	Agawam	George W. and Grace A. Rogers	"	Farm Laborer	Springfield	Westfield
June 10	Sovilla Gladys Pierce.....	f	Agawam	Geo. H. and Elizabeth M. Garfield	"	Farm Laborer	Agawam	Windsor, Ct.
June 11	Gertrude Martin Moore.....	m	Agawam	Ward L. and Alvina M. Crous	"	Mill Operative	Sutton	Chapachet, R. I.
June 21	Bertrand Henry Thompson.....	m	Agawam	Ferdinand and Arsella Besette	"	Machinist	Monterey	New York, N. Y.
June 23	Mary Laura Evaline Breault.....	f	Mittineague	Paul and Sora Sorventi	"	Barber	Canada	Chicopee
June 24	Josephine Montagna.....	f	Mittineague	Edward A. and Mary L. Merrill	"	Laborer	Italy	Italy
June 27	Hazel Eliza Manley.....	f	Feeding Hills	Evartiste and Della Le Bonte	"	Farm Laborer	Sundisfield	Sundisfield
June 27	Sylvia Beatrice Ste. Marie.....	f	Mittineague	Parker K. and Gertrude Platter	"	Blacksmith	Canada	Springfield
Aug 9	Paul Patner Shade.....	m	Agawam	Lewis F. and Ella L. Tinker	"	Farm Laborer	Hillsdale, N. Y.	Martindale, N. Y.
Aug 15	Aquilla Lee Walsh.....	m	W. Springfield	John M. and Lizzie A. Daly	"	Farm Laborer	Louisville, Ky.	Worthington
Aug 16	Charles Raymond Meyrick.....	m	Agawam	Patrick J. and Annie Hartford	"	Coremaker	Agawam	Springfield
Aug 29	Catherine Agnes Moriarty.....	f	Mittineague	Charles and Lula Rurt	"	Papermaker	Sweden	Turners Falls
Aug 30	Pearl Hene Nelson.....	f	Agawam	Frederick and Melina Ste. Marie	"	Farmer	Sweden	Westfield
Sept 4	Mary Magdalena Dandelin.....	f	Agawam	Antoine and Marieta Sorventi	"	Yeast Peddler	Pownal, Vt.	Canada
Sept 8	Rosa Ardison.....	f	Mittineague	Walter H. and Julia A. Fox	"	Peddler	Italy	Italy
Sept 8	Marie Margerite Pierce.....	f	Agawam	Charles O. and Armande Plouffe	"	Farm Laborer	Italy	Montague
Sept 11	Edith Lena Hamel.....	f	Agawam	Joseph and Julia Dumont	"	Mill Operative	Swanton, Vt.	Scribner Lake N. Y.
Sept 12	Joseph Oscar Barnache.....	m	Mittineague		"	Box maker	Canada	Canada

m—Male f—Female

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN AGAWAM FOR YEAR 1897.—Continued.

<i>Date of Birth.</i>	<i>Name of Child.</i>	<i>Sex.</i>	<i>Place of Birth.</i>	<i>Names of Parents. (Maiden Name of Mother.)</i>	<i>Residence of Parents.</i>	<i>Occupation of Father.</i>	<i>Birthplace of Father.</i>	<i>Birthplace of Mother.</i>
Sept 20	Mary Jane Lamson.....	f	Agawam	Lewis F. and Mary L. Lizotte	Agawam	Laborer	Belchertown	Quebec, Canada
Sept 20	Chauncey Randall Sias.....	m	Agawam	Chauncey K. and Flora L. Whitman	Springfield	Trav. S'l'sman	Woburn	Agawam
Sept 20	Prudence Vivian Paro.....	f	Mittineague	Israel and Josephine Besette	Agawam	Brakeman	Canasoa	Chicopee
Sept 21	Irene Eleanor Fitzgerald.....	f	Agawam	Henry W. and Margaret Donovan	"	Tailor	Springfield	Ireland
Sept 26	Earl Edwin Hitchcock.....	m	Agawam	Edwin M. and Cora J. Luce	"	Farmer	Granby	Suffield, Ct.
Oct 1	Alexina Bernadette Mary Menard..	f	Mittineague	Peter and Mary L. Guibault	"	Needlemaker	Canada	Canada
Oct 21	Joseph Claude Le Blanc.....	m	Mittineague	Dosithe and Euphémie Gaudet	"	Grocery Clerk	New Brunswick	New Brunswick
Nov 3	Oscar Le Siege.....	m	Mittineague	Charles and Lydia Montpetit	"	Teamster	Canada	Canada
Nov 4	Prentiss Raymond Jenks.....	m	Feeding Hills	Le Grand and Delmar L. Frost	"	Farm Laborer	Rupert, Vt.	Granby
Nov 5	Raymond Edward Rivers.....	m	Mittineague	Levi and Emma Giroux	"	Papermaker	Canada	Canada
Nov 7	Agnes Augusta Healy.....	f	Feeding Hills	John C. and Adaline Gett	"	Farmer	Cheshire, Ct.	Holyoke
Dec 4	Amelia Menard.....	f	Mittineague	Flavian and Emma Morin	"	Carpenter	Canada	Canada
Dec 9	Mary Farreoli.....	f	Mittineague	Dominico and Angelica Van Chini	"	Peddler	Italy	Italy

m—Male f—Female

DEATHS REGISTERED IN AGAWAM FOR 1897.

Date of Death.	1 Name of Deceased. 2 Name of Husband.	Sex.	Cond.	Age.		Disease or Cause of Death.	1 Residence. 2 Place of Death.	Place of Burial.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Name and Birthplace of Father.	Name and Birthplace of Mother.
				Ms.	Ds.							
Feb 6	Marvin A. Kirkland.....	m	w 69			Cancer of Stomach	Agawam	Agawam	Farmer	Agawam	Thomas Kirkland Norwich, Ct.	Polly Manley Columbia, Ct.
Feb 10	Ralph Adams.....	m	w 84	1	21	Senility	Cleveland, Ohio	Agawam	Farmer	Agawam	Seth Adams	Tabitha Warren
Feb 14	1 Elizabeth Sarah Stewart.. 2 Henry T. Stewart.....	f	w 70	5		Heart Disease	Sufield, Ct.	Feeding Hills		Sandisfield	John Harvey Fuller Sandisfield	Elizabeth Hastings Suffield, Ct.
Mch 5	Lawrence Deforge.....	m	s 1	5	4	Bronchitis Convulsions	1 Agawam 2 Middinque	W. Springfield		Agawam	George Deforge	Mary Roberts
Mch 6	Mabel Frances Duclos....	f	s	1		Premature Birth	1 Agawam 2 Middinque	W. Springfield		Agawam	Arthur C. Duclos	Katherine O'Brien Canada
Mch 6	Delphis Trudeau.....	m	s 26	6		Tuberculosis	1 Agawam 2 Middinque	W. Springfield	Laborer	Stafford, Ct.	Napoleon Trudeau	Ellie Faneuf Wisconsin
Mch 8	1 Bridget Veideman..... 2 Joseph Veideman.....	f	m 28			Pneumonia	1 Agawam 2 Middinque	W. Springfield	Housewife	Middinque	Patrick Holihan	Katherine Stuck Canada
Mch 15	John Leary.....	m	w 55			Tuberculosis	1 Agawam 2 Middinque	W. Springfield	Laborer	Ireland	Jeremiah Leary	Mary Nelligan Ireland
Mch 22	Albert A. Lafond.....	m	s 2			Spinal Meningitis	1 Agawam 2 Middinque	W. Springfield		Agawam	Charles Lafond	Mederise Messier Canada
Mch 24	1 Helen Parent	f	m 29	11		1 Rheumatism 2 Bronchitis	1 Agawam 2 Middinque	W. Springfield	Housewife	Lowell	Joseph Beaumier	Mary Arsenault Canada
Mch 27	John E. Crowley	m	s 31	6		Tuberculosis	1 Agawam 2 Middinque	W. Springfield	Travelling Salesman	Agawam	Dennis J. Crowley	Ellen T. Holland Canada
Mch 30	1 Frances M. Bowe..... 2 George G. Bowe.....	f	m 63			1 Grippe 2 Meningitis	Agawam	Agawam	Housewife	Westhampton	David L. Brown	Louisa J. Stedman Ireland
April 10	George O. King.....	m	s 7	9		1 Pleural Abscess 2 Phthisis	1 Agawam 2 Middinque	W. Springfield		Agawam	Joseph D. King	Mancheester, Ct.
May 24	Ella Maria Johnson.....	f	s 39	8	15	Tuberculosis	2 Feeding Hills 1 Agawam	Feeding Hills	At Home	Agawam	Samuel L. Johnson	Helen Smith Canada
June 6	Leona Sauve.....	f	s 12	6		Tuberculosis	2 Middinque	W. Springfield		Canada	Joseph Sauve	Rosie Hart Catekill, N. Y.
June 7	Henry Worthington.....	m	m 89	10	4	Cystitis	Agawam	Agawam	Farmer	Agawam	Jonathan Worthington	Phoebe Smith Canada
June 23	1 Marian Bean..... 2 James M. Bean.....	f	w 75			Heart Failure	1 Agawam 2 Middinque	W. Springfield	Housewife	Thornton, N. H.	Samuel Moulton	Groton, Ct.
June 25	Patrick J. Buckley.....	m	s 24			Killed by R. R. Train	1 Agawam 2 W. Springfield	W. Springfield	Butcher	W. Springfield	John Buckley	Elliza Culmon Ireland

f—Female, m—Male, s—Single, w—Widowed, m—Married.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN AGAWAM FOR 1897.—Continued.

Date of Death	1 Name of Deceased. 2 Name of Husband.		Sex.	Cond.	Age.			Disease or Cause of Death.	1 Residence. 2 Place of Death.		Place of Burial.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Name and Birthplace of Father.		Name and Birthplace of Mother.
					Yrs.	Mo.	Days.									
July 11	1 Mary Sullivan.....		f	w	67			Apoplexy	1 Agawam 2 Feeding Hills	Chicopee		Housewife	Ireland	Daniel Cleary	Ireland	Ellen Fitzgerald
July 22	2 John Sullivan.....		m	s		7		Cholera Infantum	1 Agawam 2 Mittineague	W. Springfield			Agawam	Peter Parent	Agawam	Ellen Beaumier
July 28	1 Ann C. Rice.....		f	w	76	2		1 Heart Failure 2 Carcinoma	1 Springfield 2 Feeding Hills	Agawam			Belchertown	Enoch Burnett	Agawam	Sophia Chapin
Aug 3	2 Daniel T. Rice.....		f	s	2	4		Convulsions	1 Springfield 2 Feeding Hills	Feeding Hills			Springfield	Charles H. Denyer	Springfield	Susie B. Otick
Aug 5	Dennis J. Flynn.....		m	s	24			Tuberculosis	1 Agawam 2 Mittineague	W. Springfield		Laborer	Agawam	Timothy Flynn	Ireland	Ellen Crowley
Aug 7	Norman Allen.....		m	w	77	11		Heart Failure	1 Agawam 2 Feeding Hills	Feeding Hills		Farmer	Agawam	Benj. Jaques Allen	Agawam	Mary Wilcox
Aug 20	George H. Smith.....		m	s		7	11	1 Indigestion 2 Diarrhea	1 Agawam 2 Feeding Hills	W. Springfield			Springfield	Walter B. Smith	Canada	Annie M. West
Sept 24	1 Maria Garfield.....		f	w	78	7		Cancer	1 Agawam 2 Feeding Hills	Lee			Ireland	Henry Oakley	Canada	Betsy ——— Spencer
Oct 7	2 Edwin B. Garfield.....		f	w	71			Apoplexy	1 Agawam 2 Feeding Hills	Springfield			Ireland	Patrick Halloran	Ireland	Mary Fitzgerald
Oct 22	1 Bridget Roberts.....		m	w	77	10	6	1 Heart Disease 2 Rheumatism	1 Springfield 2 Agawam	Agawam		Farmer	Deerfield	Cyrus Brown	Halifax, Vt.	Sarah Blackler
Oct 10	2 John Roberts.....		m	m	63			Cold and Exposure	1 Springfield 2 Agawam	Springfield			Long Island			
Oct 10	Edith Brown.....		m	m	55	4	20	Bronchitis	1 Springfield 2 Feeding Hills	Springfield		Housewife	Ireland	Timothy Riley	Ireland	Catherine Higgins
Nov 14	1 Mary Hoben.....		f	m	69			Heart Disease	1 Agawam 2 Feeding Hills	Belchertown		Housewife	Belchertown	——— Chaffee*		Polly Ellis
Nov 24	2 Patrick Hoben.....		f	m	55			Acute Rheumatism	1 Agawam 2 Feeding Hills	Westfield		Housewife	Ireland	Michael Flanagan	Ireland	Bridget Glynn
Dec 3	1 Roswell Sears.....		f	m	55			Apoplexy	1 Agawam 2 Feeding Hills	Agawam			Salem, N. Y.	Abraham Fox		Polly Leary
Dec 4	2 Thomas Halloran.....		f	w	90	7	13	Diphtheria	1 Agawam 2 Mittineague	W. Springfield			Agawam	Moses F. Provost	Canada	Hosanna Mecure
Dec 12	1 Lydia F. Allen.....		m	s	2			Acute Diarrhea	1 Agawam 2 Agawam	Agawam		Clergyman	East Hartford	Joseph Perry	Manchester, Ct.	Lydia Kellogg
Dec 12	2 Norman Provoost.....		m	m	85	11	22	Diphtheria	1 Agawam 2 Feeding Hills	Feeding Hills			Agawam	Frank S. Huntley	Agawam	Lida Halladay
Dec 21	Ralph Perry.....		f	s	3			Diphtheria								
Dec 21	Inez Viola Huntley.....		f	s	3			Diphtheria								

f—Female, m—Male, s—Single, w—Widowed, m—Married.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JUDSON W. HASTINGS, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF AGAWAM.

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To balance in treasury March 11, 1897	\$70.28
Amount received from Clerk of Police Court for fines	15.81
E. P. Clark, sheriff, for fines	5.00
Town of West Springfield, bridge account ...	36.78
Town of Southwick, for paupers	171.35
Town of Hatfield, for paupers	56.10
Town of Southampton, for paupers	67.50
City of Northampton, for paupers	11.91
Springfield Ins't. for Savings, temporary loan.	3,500.00
State Treasurer, for paupers	28.33
" Superintendent of Schools.....	1,250.00
" Corporation taxes.....	382.05
" National bank taxes	615.99
" Military Aid, chap. 279, Acts 1894	72.00
" State Aid, chap. 301, Acts 1894..	180.00
" Income Massachusetts school fund	281.29
" Inspection of cattle	88.89
Kibbe Bros., for lamp	4.40
Sale produce of town farm	14.75
Books sold	1.05
Slaughter house licenses.....	2.00
County Treasurer, dog fund.....	252.92
Sale four-room school building	100.00

Mary A. Phelon, library fund	\$20.20
Rent of Town Hall, Agawam	40.50
“ “ “ Feeding Hills	59.25
Sewer assessments	175.33
Lewis A. Barden, Collector, 1896	1,783.38
Edward M. Wright, “ 1896	1,233.03
Amos Gosselin, “ 1896	1,364.97
Monroe Hayward, “ 1897	9,129.57
Daniel W. Corwin, “ 1897	7,087.00
Woodman Pillsbury, “ 1897	5,051.98
Interest on deposits	40.70
State Treasurer for education of children . . .	85.50

\$33,279.81

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By paying, Desire A. Pyne, interest	\$240.00
Leicester Savings Bank, interest	400.00
Spencer, “ “ “	200.00
Chicopee, “ “ “	200.00
Plymouth Five Cent Savings Bank, interest . .	200.00
Springfield Ins't. for Savings, “ . . .	624.08
“ “ “ temporary loan . .	3,500.00
“ “ “ on demand note . .	2,500.00
County tax	1,852.97
State tax	945.00
Treas. of Granville for Supt. of schools	416.66
“ Southwick “ “	416.66
Sinking Fund Commissioners	900.00
Selectmen's and School Committee's orders	
Schools, Supt. and supplies	6,585.85
High School tuition	714.88
Paupers, outside relief	1,969.36
“ almshouse	837.26
Highways and bridges	3,165.18
South End bridge	431.26
Contingencies	637.42
Town officers	1,121.80

State and Military aid.....	\$370.00
Memorial Day	35.00
Care of Town Halls.....	78.97
Repair of town buildings.....	298.92
Street lights	109.59
Public library.....	311.67
Sewers	2,180.34
Balance in Treasury March 10, 1898	2,036.94
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	\$33,279.81

We have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer for the year 1897-98 and find them correct with the proper vouchers.

JOHN B. WARREN,
JOHN G. FREELAND,

Auditors.

Agawam, March 12, 1898.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation May 1, 1897.

Real estate	\$1,154,755.00
Personal.....	167,467.00
	\$1,322,222.00

Upon which taxes have been assessed
as follows :—

State tax.....	945.00	
County tax.....	1,852.97	
Schools, Superintendent and supplies	5,500.00	
High School tuition.....	600.00	
Highways and bridges	2,500.00	
South End bridge	400.00	
Support of poor	2,500.00	
Contingencies	800.00	
Town officers.....	1,000.00	
State aid	250.00	
Interest	1,800.00	
Sinking fund	900.00	
Town debt.....	600.00	
Care of Town Halls.....	50.00	
Repairs on town buildings	200.00	
Street lights	100.00	
Collection of taxes.....	300.00	
Discount on taxes.....	750.00	
Memorial Day.....	35.00	
Sewers	600.00	
Agawam bridge	2,000.00	
Overlay	162.80—	23,845.77

Tax on real and personal estate at the rate of \$17.00 per thousand.....	\$22,477.77	
684 polls at \$2.00 each.....	1,368.00—	\$23,845.77
To Monroe Hayward was committed for collection.....	9,807.43	
Interest charged	29.41—	9,836.84
Upon which he has been credited :		
Cash paid Treasurer	9,129.57	
Discount allowed	350.28	
Abatements allowed	13.02	
Commission	136.92	
Amount due March 4, 1898.....	207.05—	9,836.84
To Daniel W. Corwin was committed for collection.....	7,992.66	
Interest charged	21.65—	8,014.31
Upon which he has been credited :		
Cash paid Treasurer.....	7,087.00	
Discount allowed	296.05	
Abatements allowed	14.42	
Commission.....	106.30	
Amount due March 4, 1898.....	510.54—	8,014.31
To Woodman Pillsbury was committed for collection.....	6,045.68	
Additional assessment.....	2.00	
Interest charged	13.11—	6,060.79
Upon which he has been credited :		
Cash paid Treasurer.....	5,051.98	
Discount allowed.....	218.52	
Abatements allowed	24.48	
Commission.....	75.76	
Amount due March 1, 1897.....	690.05—	6,060.79

JOHN H. REED,
HENRY E. BODURTHA,
R. MATHER TAYLOR,

Assessors.

Agawam, March 9, 1898.

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED.

AMOS GOSSELIN, Collector.

1896.

Isadore Desotel	\$2.00
Frederick Larro . . . . .	.96
John O'Donnell	2.00
Overlia Arnold	2.00
Andrew Hart	2.00
Patrick J. Buckley	2.00
Eugene Cross	2.00
William Connors	2.16
Adelbert Harvey	2.00
Louis Petitouri	2.00
Adolphus Trudeau	2.00
Alphonse Touissant . . . . .	.80
John Grady	2.00
Chandler Needham	2.00
Julia Dailey . . . . .	.96

EDWARD M. WRIGHT, Collector.

Thomas Brooks	2.00
John Eagan	2.00
Eugene T. Lee	2.00
H. A. Cordis	4.00

LEWIS A. BARDEN, Collector.

Abram L. Spencer	2.00
Andrew Scrosky	2.00
Joseph Bedour	2.00
Thomas Burns	2.00
H. Stockwell . . . . .	.80

WOODMAN PILLSBURY, Collector.

1897.

Peter Finnegan	\$2.00
Dennis J. Flynn	2.00
Pierre Peobut	2.00
Tonton Menard	2.00
Joseph Guibault	2.00
William Hagar	2.00
Frank Costello	2.00
William Beaupreau	2.00
Joseph Ferrioli	2.00
John F. O'Brien	1.70
Timothy J. O'Brien	2.12
Gallerain Alexander	1.64
Julia Dailey	1.02

D. W. CORWIN, Collector.

William H. Connors	2.42
James Connors	2.00
Andrew Cavisky	2.00
James Harrington	2.00
John J. Kane	2.00
Albert T. Nutter	2.00
Frederick Rice	2.00

MONROE HAYWARD, Collector.

George Bell	2.00
Harry E. Clark	3.02
Michael King	2.00
Morris Roberts	2.00
Charles E. Rose	2.00
Henry K. Warner	2.00

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Northampton Lunatic Hospital :—

Care of James D. Johnson.....	\$169.46
Care of Catherine Flynn.....	169.46
Care of Catherine Brady.....	169.46
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, care of Wm. Desloriers,	131.50
Care of Francis Fowler.....	140.00
Aid to Mrs. Harriet Parker.....	108.50
Aid to Mrs. Michael Finnegan, one child.....	48.00
Aid to Michael Moran.....	48.00
Aid to Geneva Brooks.....	45.00
J. W. Hastings, medical aid to Geneva Brooks.....	19.75
Aid to Mrs. Frank Willette, five children.....	74.00
W. F. Cook, coal for Mrs. Willette.....	3.50
C. D. Farnsworth, coal for Mrs. Willette.....	12.25
Taylor Bros., wood for Mrs. Willette.....	5.00
C. E. Smith, rent for Mrs. Willette.....	30.00
Joseph Jasmin, rent for Mrs. Willette.....	31.25
Dr. J. W. Hastings, medical aid to Mrs. Willette.....	16.25
L. F. Jenks, supplies for Mrs. Debour.....	16.50
C. D. Farnsworth, coal for David Mahoney, wife.....	6.25
H. Letellier & Son, supplies for David Mahoney.....	60.00
G. A. Chapman, milk for David Mahoney.....	9.34
Duane Gowdy, care of M. Hollister.....	76.50
Dr. J. W. Hastings, medical aid for M. Hollister.....	2.50
Dr. J. W. Hastings, medical aid for Leon Debour.....	9.75
King Bros., supplies for A. Menard.....	2.00
W. N. Elmer, shoes for A. Menard.....	1.25

H. Letellier & Son, aid to Mrs. Quirk, three children...	\$88.50
G. A. Chapman, milk for Mrs. Quirk.....	15.40
Aid to Julia Murphy.....	2.00
L. R. Button, care of W. C. Button.....	52.00
City of Springfield, aid to Amos Clark.....	49.28
Town of Dalton, aid to James Weatherbee.....	85.15
Town of Easthampton, aid to E. Crossman.	2.50
Town of Greenfield, aid to E. Crossman.....	2.00
Town of West Springfield, aid to Mrs. Gervaise.....	5.25
Dr. C. J. Downey, medical aid to C. Desloriers.....	16.00
Dr. C. J. Downey, medical aid to Italian.....	3.00
W. C. Campbell, care of tramps.....	9.25
A. E. Fuller, care of tramps.....	4.25
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	\$14740.05

The following aid has been given these persons having settlement elsewhere :—

D. A. Toomey, burial of John Leary, state.....	\$20.00
Dr. J. W. Hastings, medical aid to Leary.....	1.25
Taylor Bros, wood for G. A. Dennis, Hatfield.....	3.50
J. B. Smith, supplies for Dennis.....	10.00
C. E. Smith, supplies for Dennis.....	4.50
G. O. Andrews, supplies for Mrs. Johnson, Southwick...	41.89
Shea Bros., milk for Mrs. Johnson.....	3.06
A. K. Fuller, supplies for Mrs. Johnson.....	6.00
C. E. Smith, supplies for Mrs. Martin, Northampton...	2.00
H. Letellier & Son, supplies for Mrs. Martin.....	3.91
Dr. J. W. Hastings, medical aid for A. McCarthy, South- ampton	15.50
Jennie Barnes, nursing Mrs. McCarthy.....	18 00
Charles Humason, care and board of Mrs. McCarthy...	25.00
W. W. Cooper, casket for Cassie McCarthy.....	7.00
E. A. Kellogg, opening grave	2.00
C. W. Hastings, supplies for Oliver Vodrine, state.....	18.45
Dr. J. W. Hastings, medical aid for Vodrine	15.00

H. Letellier & Son, supplies for Peter Vodrine, state...	\$4.00
Dr. J. W. Hastings, medical aid to Peter Vodrine.....	1.25
Dr. J. W. Hastings, medical aid to Fred Hilpold, Sunder- land.....	9 00
E. A. Kellogg, supplies for Fred Hilpold.....	18.00
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	\$229.31

ALMSHOUSE.

Inmates, Eliza Brennan.....	52 weeks
Margaret Haley.....	52 weeks
Eliza Roberts.....	52 weeks
Ellen McDonnell.....	33 weeks
William R. Dewey.....	52 weeks
Julia Murphy.....	4 days
Mrs. M. L. Raiche, salary as Matron.....	\$45.00
Mrs. M. L. Raiche, supplies.....	8 00
M. B. Parks, salary as Master.....	230.00
M. B. Parks, supplies.....	17.89
J. J. Raiche, supplies.....	6.58
C. D. Farnsworth, coal.....	53.89
W. F. Cook, coal.....	4.24
Thomas O'Brien, fencing.....	1.05
J. W. Hamilton, meat.....	119 73
H. C. Lombra, fish.....	13.14
Forbes & Wallace, supplies.....	1.75
Republican Co., advertising.....	.45
W. L. Brown, shoes.....	4.44
J. & T. Cousins, shoes.....	1.50
G. O. Andrews, supplies.....	103.54
E. A. Kellogg & Sons, supplies.....	35.54
J. C. Belville, supplies.....	126.90
E. H. Smith, fish.....	.40
A. K. Fuller, supplies.....	10.19
H. C. Puffer & Co., grain.....	6 13
B. L. Bragg Co., supplies.....	4.10
O. D. Street, medicine.....	1.00

James Cleary, supplies.....	\$5.85
Haynes & Co., suit.....	5.40
A. E. St. Germain, clock.....	1.35
Taylor Bros., wood.....	2.50
Charles Hall, jar.....	1.00
E. M. Pomroy, labor.....	11.80
W. W. Houghton, shoeing and repairs.....	10.50
J. C. Jones & Co., paint.....	2.15
W. B. Chandler & Co., oil.....	.25
Dr. J. W. Hastings, medicine.....	1.00
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	\$837.26

Total expenditures for care of poor.	\$2,806.62
Less amount to be reimbursed.....	2,577.31
Appropriation.....	2,500.00

R. MATHER TAYLOR,
HENRY E. BODURTHA,
JOHN H. REED,

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Highway and Bridge Department.

Agawam.

W. C. Campbell, labor.....	\$153.75
John G. Burt, labor.....	130.00
L. H. Nason, labor.....	36.55
F. E. Campbell, labor.....	28.25
Monroe Hayward, labor.....	30.50
John Oldroyd, labor.....	18.20
George Covill, labor.....	44.60
William Worthington, labor.....	14.40
L. R. Button, labor and gravel.....	32.96
Fremont H. King, labor.....	25.70
M. L. Ahl, labor.....	35.50
Peter Campbell, labor.....	27.45
Patrick Flynn, labor.....	44.70
Patrick O. Riley, labor.....	26.32
Joseph Work, labor.....	28.50
John Buckley, labor.....	65.10
C. L. Campbell, stone and gravel.....	32.67
J. L. Hubbard, labor.....	18.50
W. H. Harmon, labor.....	10.35
C. E. Hitchcock, pipe.....	13.54
John Murphy, labor.....	10.42
James Green, labor.....	10.50

George H. Reed, labor	\$16.10
Jerre Adams, labor	14.00
W. H. Porter, labor	11.20
R. L. Blaisdell, labor	12.00
W. W. Houghton, repairs	13.35
W. B. Rice, labor	14.00
F. J. Pomeroy, labor and sand	2.00
John Reilly, labor	8.80
Almon Jones, labor	6.88
Andrew J. Todd, labor	8.00
Oliver Cushman, sand	2.40
William Edgar, labor	8.55
William J. Edgar, labor	6.83
John Dean, labor	6.25
E. G. Moulton, labor	3.15
C. W. Hastings, supplies	1.35
C. W. Hull, labor	4.00
Theodore Brown, labor .....	.90
C. H. Wyman, labor	1.50
D. L. White	4.00
James H. Clark, labor	1.50
F. A. Bodurtha, labor and lumber	2 21
T. W. Fowler, labor	4.00
William Begley, gravel	8 00
C. W. Smith, labor	1.75
A. F. Trask, labor	1.50
Frank P. Covill, labor	3.75
Cheney Bigelow Wire Works	3.25
William Hayward, labor	3.75
Royal J. Smith, labor	7.00
H. W. Cook, labor	1.50
O. A. Cushman, labor	1.92
William Cook, labor	5.75
J. W. Wilder, cement .....	.65
E. K. Bodurtha, gravel	1.20
E. J. Bitgood, labor	2.55
Ambrose S. King, labor	1.40

W. H. Pierce, labor.....	\$2.03
John McDonald, labor.....	8.75
Edward Bagley, labor	4.35
H. O. Pierce, labor	3.30
H. Stockwell, posts	1.00
Thomas Lester,	1.20
Lewis Brown, labor.....	.75
A. B. Maynard, pipe	6.80
John Truehart, labor.....	8.25
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	\$1,071.83

Feeding Hills.

James H. Easton, labor.....	\$208.85
Daniel L. White, labor.....	207.90
E. E. McIntire, labor	87.90
E. A. Manley, labor.....	68.33
E. M. Wright, labor.....	80.23
Taylor Bros., labor and gravel.....	70.93
Gordon White, labor.....	23.05
Charles L. Brown, labor and gravel.....	25.39
Homer F. Flower, gravel	22.10
C. E. Hitchcock, pipe.....	19.08
A. W. Easton, labor.....	19.35
Daniel W. Corwin, labor	10.00
James McCarthy, labor	10.50
E. L. Johnson, labor	18.80
A. E. Belden, labor.....	16.60
Theodore Brown, labor.....	12.00
John Burke, labor.....	6.75
James Rising, gravel	4.16
Henry J. Shaw, labor.....	15.60
John C. Healy, labor.....	8.85
Dwight Taylor, labor.....	2.85
Thomas Woodworth, labor	5.10
Dexter M. Steere, labor	1.93
Charles Wyman, labor.....	7.50

Fremont H. King, labor.....	\$1.50
W. W. Houghton, repairs on tools.....	6.95
G. O. Andrews, supplies	5.95
Alfred Woodworth, labor.....	2.25
James McCarthy, labor.....	2.25
Jesse Frost, labor.....	2.85
Ezra Blakeslee, labor.....	3.45
John Miner, labor	7.50
David Struthers, labor	6.00
Julius Wheeler, labor.....	6.00
F. A. Johnson, Jr., labor	1.80
G. E. Smith, labor	7.50
Albert Nutter, labor.....	3.90
William Gett, labor.....	2 85
George Spear, labor.....	1.65
E. D. Allen, labor	2.25
W. E. Cooley, labor.....	3.15
H. V. Roberts, labor	4.85
E. M. Pomroy, labor	8.69
James Hamilton, labor.....	.30
George Arnold.....	.30
U. G. Neale, labor.....	.60
James Kane, labor.....	30
A. H. Brown, labor	5.00
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	\$1,041.59

Mittineague.

Daniel J. Collins, labor	\$150.25
James Collins, labor.....	93.80
George D. Cooley, labor.....	110.20
Patrick Murphy, labor.....	72.23
H. W. Austin, labor.....	44.50
Daniel Murphy, labor	62.25
H. P. Worden, gravel and stone.....	49.55
Davitt, Shea & Co., grates	22.83
E. Leonard, 2nd, labor	13.75

Cornelius Donovan, labor.....	\$23.63
Patrick Crowley, cleaning manholes.....	20.00
John Buckley, labor.....	19.13
Dennis Crowley, labor.....	10.50
Dennis Finnegan, labor.....	10.13
W. H. Harmon, labor.....	12.00
S. N. Bennett, labor.....	10.00
A. B. Maynard, pipe.....	10.10
Hampden Brick Co., brick.....	5.75
T. Shea, cement.....	1.10
E. M. Wright, labor.....	4.00
H. A. Johnson, labor.....	4.00
John Curran, labor.....	5.63
Michael Cockery, labor.....	6.00
Milton Phillips, labor.....	4.00
James Collins, Jr., labor.....	7.88
Cerile Perusse, labor.....	4.00
Delor Perusse, labor.....	5.63
John M. Sullivan, labor.....	4.13
Patrick Moriarty, labor.....	4.88
Frank Menard, labor.....	4.13
Wilfred Dumas, labor.....	6.38
E. L. Shea, labor.....	2.25
Thomas Sullivan, labor.....	7.13
John Leary, labor.....	5.25
Cornelius Crowley, labor.....	.75
Henry Rivers, labor.....	1.75
Joseph King, repairs.....	2.35
C. E. Hitchcock, pipe.....	21.12
John F. Buckley, labor.....	3.00
Daniel L. White, labor.....	52.00
James H. Easton, labor.....	17.00
Daniel Cavanaugh, labor.....	3.00
Michael Fitzgerald, labor.....	1.88
Peter Finnegan, labor.....	6.75
Patrick Mitchell, labor.....	6.75
H. Stockwell, posts.....	2.10.

H. L. Tower, labor.....	\$1.25
Thomas Finnegan, labor.....	1.88
Robert Ely, Jr., lumber and labor.....	10.31
H. Letellier & Son, nails.....	.60
Homer Flower, gravel.....	2.10
Alphonse Jasmin, labor.....	5.25
William De Corie, labor	6.00
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	\$962.83

Agawam and Mittineague Bridges.

C. E. Hitchcock, lumber.....	\$00.65
Robert Ely, Jr., lighting and supplies.....	42.50
Robert Ely, Jr., repairs and lumber.....	22.28
C. W. Hastings, chimneys.....	1.70
Lewis Phillips, snowing.....	8.20
Patrick Murphy, labor.....	13.60
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	\$88.93

Total for highways and bridges, less one-half bridge account to West Springfield.....	3,120.71
Appropriation	2,500.00

South End Bridge.

City of Springfield, replanking and repairs.....	\$421.16
City of Springfield, snowing	10.10
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	\$431.26
Appropriation	400.00

Contingent.

Griffith, Axtell & Cady Co., printing reports,	\$60.00
Springfield Printing & Binding Co., printing,	12.50
F. K. Williams & Co., printing,	6.00
Hubbard & Taber Co., printing,	13.50
Colby Manufacturing Co., printing,	2.75
Edwin Leonard, cattle inspector,	107.46
C. L. Goodhue, water rent,	50.00
E. A. Kellogg, water rent,	50.00
James W. Moore, justice fees,	.50
John G. Freeland, justice fees,	1.50
A. K. Fuller, justice fees,	1.00
James W. Moore, surveying,	31.50
W. F. Cook, team,	2.00
J. M. Bean, lockup fees,	1.50
Elijah Cope, officers' fees,	7.38
Harry Noble, highway stone,	1.00
A. D. Stone & Co., highway stone,	7.50
John Glenn, mowing cemetery lot,	.25
C. W. Hastings, expressage and supplies,	33.53
Taylor Bros., drawing stone,	2.00
M. H. Freeland, dinners,	2.00
W. A. Brown, surveying,	2.00
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, ink,	.75
Dr. J. W. Hastings, return of births,	4.75
Dr. C. J. Downey, return of births,	4.00
D. A. Toomey, return of deaths,	1.75
Recording deed,	1.00
John Kane, posts,	3.70

George A. Graves & Sons, wire,	\$12.30
R. M. Taylor, traveling expenses,	9.92
H. E. Bodurtha, copying valuation book,	7.50
J. W. Hastings, returning births, marriages and deaths,	46.00
J. W. Hastings, expressage and postage,	8.04
Henry R. Johnson, assessors' books,	11.40
C. W. Bosworth, legal services,	2.00
Charles C. Spellman, legal services,	125.75
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	\$634.73
Appropriation,	800.00

Town Officers.

James W. Moore, services as moderator,	\$5.00
John G. Freeland, services as auditor,	5.00
David L. Bowe, services as auditor,	5.00
George D. Fisk, services as registrar,	20.00
Henry A. Huntington, services as registrar,	20.00
Edward A. Kellogg, services as registrar,	20.00
Judson W. Hastings, services as registrar,	25.00
E. E. McIntire, services as election officer,	5.00
John O'Connell, services as election officer,	5.00
Frank R. Pomeroy, services as election officer,	1.00
James F. Barry, services as election officer,	3.50
John B. Warren, services as election officer,	2.50
Woodman Pillsbury, services as election officer,	2.50
P. T. Donovan, services as election officer,	2.50
D. J. Collins, services as election officer,	2.50
Daniel Murphy, services as election officer,	2.50
William Savin, services as election officer,	2.50
Edward Gosselin, services as election officer,	2.50

J. G. Freeland, services as election officer, . . .	\$2.50
Ralph Perry, Jr., services as election officer, . . .	2.50
J. R. Bodurtha, services as election officer, . . .	2.50
Scott Adams, services as election officer, . . .	2.50
F. L. Johnson, services as election officer, . . .	2.50
A. E. Worthington, services as election officer, . . .	2.50
James M. Bean, services as police officer, . . .	264.00
Henry L. Tower, services as school committee, . . .	5.00
Edwin Leonard, services as school committee, . . .	54.65
Mrs. C. L. Hayward, services as school committee, . . .	42.00
R. O. Harper, services as school committee, . . .	50.00
Edwin Leonard, 2nd, services as selectman, . . .	13.75
Henry E. Bodurtha, services as selectman, . . .	99.15
R. Mather Taylor, services as selectman, . . .	92.00
John H. Reed, services as selectmen, . . .	78.00
John H. Reed, services as assessor, . . .	23.50
Henry E. Bodurtha, services as assessor, . . .	37.00
R. Mather Taylor, services as assessor, . . .	33.75
J. W. Hastings, services as clerk and treasurer, . . .	175.00
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	\$1,114.80
Appropriation,	1,000.00

Care of Town Halls.

W. C. Campbell, janitor,	\$43.00
A. E. Fuller, janitor,	21.24
C. W. Hastings, supplies,	7.23
G. O. Andrews, supplies,	7.50
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	\$78.97
Appropriation,	50.00

Repairs on Town Buildings.

C. E. Hitchcock, lumber,	\$78.57
James W. Moore, labor,	12.00
D. W. Corwin, grading,	1.25
John Buckley, grading,	4.50
Patrick Flynn, grading,	2.25
W. H. Harmon, grading,	2.00
John G. Burt, grading,	6.75
W. C. Campbell, grading,	3.87
T. M. Walker & Co., glass,	4.80
George A. Graves & Sons, hardware,	23.06
Charles H. Wood, labor,	12.00
Ethan D. Allen, labor,	35.63
E. M. Wright, labor and brick,	4.50
Hampden Brick Co., brick,	5.50
Woodman Pillsbury, labor,	34.94
George E. Arnold, labor and paint,	19.40
Nelson G. King, posts,	2.75
Joseph V. Wolcott, labor,	1.25
E. L. Covill, labor and lumber,	6.00
Oliver & Howland, pump and pipe,	33.40
Whitcomb Stove Co., brush,	1.50
G. O. Andrews, lime,	1.85
L. C. Smith, express,	1.15
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	\$298.92
Appropriation,	200.00

Street Lights.

Charles Hall, lamps,	\$26.25
J. M. Bean, lighting,	60.00
H. Letellier & Son, glass and chimneys,	8.97
W. T. Hastings, lighting,	6.54
G. O. Andrews, supplies,	1.43
R. Ely, Jr., lighting,	5.00
C. E. Hitchcock, post,	1.40
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	\$109.59
Appropriation,	100.00

Sewers.

A. B. Maynard, pipe,	\$526.05
Republican Co., advertising,	3.90
R. D. Maynard, contractor,	1,405.22
D. L. Parker, inspecting,	175.00
D. D. Sprague, engineering services,	170.17
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	\$2,180.34
One-quarter to be paid by town,	545.09
Appropriation,	600.00

Memorial Day.

A. P. Loomis, cash,	\$17.50
George D. Fisk, cash,	17.50
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	\$35.00
Appropriation,	35.00

State and Military Aid.

William Hitchcock, Chap. 301, Acts of 1894,	.	.	\$48.00
Elihu Brown,	"	"	35.00
Mary E. Howes,	"	"	48.00
Marcia E. Stevens,	"	"	48.00
Emma C. Brown,	"	"	12.00
David Woodworth, Chap. 279, Acts of 1894,	.	.	144 00
Elihu Brown's burial expenses,	.	.	35.00
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			\$370.00
Appropriation,	.	.	250.00

Interest.

Desire A. Pyne,	.	.	\$240.00
Springfield Institution for Savings,	.	.	624.08
Spencer Savings Bank,	.	.	200.00
Chicopee Savings Bank,	.	.	200.00
Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank,	.	.	200.00
Leicester Savings Bank,	.	.	400.00
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			\$1,864.08
Appropriation,	.	.	1,800.00

Sinking Fund.

W. H. Granger, Treasurer Commissioners,	.	.	\$900.00
Appropriation,	.	.	900.00

Town Debt.

Springfield Institution for Savings on demand note,	\$2,500.00
Appropriation,	600.00

Liabilities of the Town.

With Interest to April 1.

One note payable to Desire A. Pyne on demand, interest at 6 per cent.,	\$2,009.50
Five notes payable at the National Bank of the Commonwealth, June 1, 1914, interest 4 per cent.,	25,333.33
One note payable to the Springfield Institution for Savings, on demand, interest 4 per cent,	1,533.04
One note payable to Springfield Institution for Savings, June 1, 1900, interest 4 per cent.,	1,013.33
One note payable to Springfield Institution for Savings, June 1, 1901, interest 4 per cent.,	1,013.33
One note payable to Springfield Institution for Savings, June 1, 1902, interest 4 per cent.,	1,013.33
One note payable to Springfield Institution for Savings, June 1, 1903, interest 4 per cent.,	1,013.33
One note payable to Springfield Institution for Savings, June 1, 1904, interest 4 per cent.,	1,013.33
One note payable to Springfield Institution for Savings, June 1, 1905, interest 4 per cent.,	5,066.65
	\$39,009.17

Available Assests, March 10, 1898.

Cash in treasury,	\$2,036.94
Due from M. Hayward, collector,	207.05
D. W. Corwin, collector,	510.54
Woodman Pillsbury, collector,	690.05
West Springfield, bridge account,	44.47
Russell, care of poor,	5.50
Sunderland, care of poor,	27.00
State, care of poor,	59.95
State, cattle inspection,	53.73
State, state aid,	344.00
Sewer assessments,	1,517.75
Cornelius Crowley, demand note,	1,200.00
Sinking fund,	3,696.89
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	\$10,393.87

Excess of liabilities over assests, 28,615.30

HENRY E. BODURTHA,
R. MATHER TAYLOR,
JOHN H. REED,

Selectmen.

Agawam, March 10, 1898.

Report of Sinking Fund Commissioners.

Amount deposited in Springfield Institution for Savings,	\$964.62
Amount deposited in Springfield Five Cent Savings Bank,	900.88
Amount deposited in Pynchon National Bank,	1,831.39
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	\$3,696.89

W. H. GRANGER,
Treasurer.

Mary A. Phelon School Fund.

JUDSON W. HASTINGS, Trustee.

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To amount received from John G. Freeland, executor of the will of Mary A. Phelon,	. . . \$3,995.81
Amount received for interest,	. . . 132.12
	<hr/> \$4,127.93

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By amount paid for record books,	. . . \$2.66
By amount paid for recording mortgages,	. . . 2.95
By amount paid for schools in Feeding Hills,	. . . 62.10
By amount of funds invested,	. . . 4,000.00
By amount of income unexpended,	. . . 60.22
	<hr/> \$4,127.93

Having examined the above account we find it correct with the proper vouchers.

JOHN B. WARREN,
JOHN G. FREELAND,

Auditors.

Report of the Public Library Trustees.

New books have been added during the year to each department of the library, but the demand for certain classes of books is greater than the supply, and farther additions will be made soon.

New shelves have been placed in the Feeding Hills branch, and the whole arrangement is pleasanter and more convenient.

Johnson's Cyclopedia has been purchased for the Mittineague branch, and been made available to the schools in the new building.

The library has now been open six years and a half, during which time both trustees and librarians have rendered service without compensation. The first years required the most labor, as the work of establishing, arranging and cataloguing the library was considerable.

If the Town could appropriate something for the labor needed in the furnishing and care of the library, it would perhaps add to its efficiency.

Amount of Money Available.

Amount in the treasury, March 1, 1897,	.	.	\$180.94
Appropriation, dog fund,	.	.	252.92
Income, Mary A. Phelon fund,	.	.	20.20
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			\$454.06

Amount Expended.

Henry R. Johnson, books,	.	.	.	\$199.82
Bowen & Son, Mimeograph,	.	.	.	15.00
Chas. Scribners' Sons, Cyclopædia Britannica (account),	.	.	.	37.50
D. Appleton & Co., Johnson's Cyclopedia,	.	.	.	50.00
Haddon & Co., book binding,	.	.	.	\$6.10
Enterprise Printing Co., library cards,	.	.	.	3.25
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				\$311.67

Amount in treasury, March 1, 1898,	.	.	142.39
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Books.

Number of books in the library, March 1, 1897,	.	1,772
Added by purchase,	.	246
Sent by the state,	.	10
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		2,028
Worn out,	.	140
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		1,888

Number of Book Borrowers.

Agawam,	.	150
Feeding Hills,	.	164
Mittineague,	.	68

Circulation.

Agawam,	.	1,973
Feeding Hills,	.	2,170
Mittineague,	.	480

Librarians.

Agawam,	.	Mrs. C. L. Hayward.
Feeding Hills,	.	S. Newell Smith.
Mittineague,	.	Julia E. Tower.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. TOWER,
CAROLINE L. HAYWARD,
S. NEWELL SMITH.

Trustees.

Whiting Street Fund.

Balance on hand March 9, 1897,	.	.	.	\$186.06
Income from fund,	.	.	.	220.00
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				\$406.06
Sixteen persons have been aided from this fund to the				
amount of	.	.	.	239.00
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Balance on hand March 1, 1898,	.	.	.	\$167.06

REPORT OF

Inspector of Animals and Provisions.

To the Selectmen of Agawam:

GENTLEMEN:—Since my last report, I have made one general inspection, covering the entire town and involving the examination of 1536 neat cattle and 359 swine. Ten animals have been condemned and upon post mortem examination were found to be tuberculous, ten less than were destroyed last year.

I have attended one hundred and six (106) slaughterings, at which were killed 149 veal calves, five beeves and twenty-one swine. No animals have been condemned at slaughter houses.

I have made a detailed report to the State Cattle Commission, of the sanitary conditions of all the stables in town where neat cattle are kept, similar to that made the previous year, and in conformity with an order of the Cattle Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN LEONARD,

Inspector.

Articles in the Warrant for Town Meeting,

APRIL 4, 1898.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose by ballot, for the ensuing year, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of Poor, a Board of Health of three members, three Collectors of Taxes, two Auditors, three Surveyors of Highways, ten Constables, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, one Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, one Trustee of "Whiting Street Fund" for two years, also to vote on the same ballot upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town."

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town officers not provided for in the foregoing article.

ARTICLE 4. To hear and act upon the reports of Town officers.

ARTICLE 5. To see what method the Town will adopt for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow temporarily in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, a sum not to exceed seven thousand dollars, as the same may be from time to time required, and to give a note or notes of the Town for money so borrowed, and that he be also authorized to pay such loans from said taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote a discount on taxes.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will charge interest on taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will accept "Deep Gutter" road, so called, as located by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the care of the Town library.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town desire to sell the school property situated on "River street," so called.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will take any action relative to changing the district of School Superintendent, which now exists.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to divide Precinct B, and accept a division as made by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town desire to make any change in the officers to be hereafter elected annually.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will make any special appropriation for highway work.

ARTICLE 16. To make the necessary appropriations for the ensuing year, and to vote to raise by tax such sums of money as may be required for the same.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will accept the following list of jurors: Andrew J. Todd, Samuel McVeigh, Frank E. Campbell, Charles F. Barden, Frank R. Pomeroy, John Ahl, Charles T. Crouss, William H. Porter, William A. Fletcher, William B. Rice, James H. Clark, George E. Arnold, John F. Hamilton, Fred P. Halladay, Willis L. Huntley, Fred A. Johnson, Jr., Oscar L. King, Edward A. Kellogg, Byron C. Roberts, Sandford H. Sawyer, Dexter M. Steere, Alfred Maynard, Everest S. Gauthier, Daniel Murphy, Dennis M. Crowley, Charles Gosselin, H. Willis Austin, Edward M. Hitchcock, Robert O. Harper.

ARTICLE 18. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.



SCHOOL REPORTS.



REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The annual report is herewith presented.

During the year just passed, the schools have been in session thirty-six (36) weeks, and have been in a generally prosperous condition.

A slight disturbance was occasioned at the beginning of the school year in September, by the resignation of Superintendent Whitney, and the consequent delay attending the election of his successor, Herbert E. Richardson.

There are now twenty-three (23) pupils attending the West Springfield High School from this town, and if that number is kept good, the annual charge will be \$920. The appropriation last year being \$600, and the actual cost \$714. The tuition being \$30, \$35 and \$40 for the different parts of the year, \$40 being the present cost per pupil per annum.

The committee recommend the appropriation of \$1,000 for High School tuition, and \$6,000 for Town schools.

The partitions, recommended last year for the basement of the new building, have been placed, and a new outhouse at Feeding Hills Center has been built, with necessary fences and screens. The old seats and desks at the South school in Agawam have been removed and replaced by unused seats from other buildings.

Particular attention is called to the large number of *lost days* noticed in the Superintendent's report, and a hearty co-operation with the teachers is asked of the parents, in keeping the percentage of attendance as high as possible.

The total of lost time during the past year is perfectly appalling, and would amount to forty-eight (48) years of thirty-six weeks each for one pupil.

There has been no complaint from the new building in reference to imperfect heating, and the janitor has rendered faithful service in his line of duty.

EDWIN LEONARD,
CAROLINE LEONARD HAYWARD,
ROBERT O. HARPER,

School Committee.

Financial Statement of Schools.

FOR TUITION AT WEST SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring Term,	.	.	.	.	.	\$151.38
Fall Term,	.	.	.	.	.	322.00
Winter Term,	.	.	.	.	.	241.50
						<u>\$714.88</u>
Appropriation,	.	.	.	.	.	600.00

SUPERINTENDENT AND SUPPLIES.

Fairfield Whitney, superintendent,	.	.	.	.	\$262 46
Herbert E. Richardson, "	.	.	.	.	238.46
Belle W. Corwin, music teacher,	.	.	.	.	175.00
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	.	.	.	.	109.82
Silver-Burdette Co., books,	.	.	.	.	28.50
Springfield News Co., supplies,	.	.	.	.	10.80
O. S. Houghton, paper,	.	.	.	.	14 40
Ginn & Co., supplies,	.	.	.	.	60.47
American Bible Society,	.	.	.	.	15.00
R. J. Kimball, maps,	.	.	.	.	14 00
Springfield Printing & Binding Co., printing,	.	.	.	.	3 50
H. Rude, supplies,	.	.	.	.	7.85
D. C. Heath & Co., supplies,	.	.	.	.	5 60
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., supplies,	.	.	.	.	7.20
American Book Co., books,	.	.	.	.	2.40
J. & I. E. Moore, ink,	.	.	.	.	3 25
Sanford, Sawtelle Co., supplies,	.	.	.	.	6.86
W. E. Hanson, printing,	.	.	.	.	5.80
Fairfield Whitney, express and postage,	7.39
H. E. Richardson, postage,	1.50
R. O. Harper, express and supplies,	1.56
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AGAWAM SCHOOLS.

George B. Whitney, teaching 36 weeks,	\$456 00
Hulda U. Gates, teaching 36 weeks,	288 00
Hulda U. Gates, care of room,	18 00
Jane S. Thomson, teaching 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ weeks,	116 80
L. Ada Moulton, teaching 12 weeks,	108.00
Edith Havens, teaching 8 weeks,	61 50
Edith Havens, care of room,	2.50
Lillian M. Swetland, teaching 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ weeks,	19.50
Lillian M. Swetland, care of room,	1.30
L. Pearl French, teaching 24 weeks,	216 00
Blanche E. Thompson, teaching 21 $\frac{2}{5}$ weeks,	171 20
Mary C. Melindy, teaching 24 weeks,	180.00
Mary C. Melindy, care of room,	12 00
Meekins, Packard & Wheat, flags,	4.00
Burgin Bros., poles and rope,	7.91
W. W. Houghton, setting flag poles,	3 50
L. L. Thomson, sweeping and cleaning,	54 50
C. E. Hitchcock, lumber,	8 90
E. L. Covill, repairs,	85 50
H. C. Earle, painting and material.	65.25
J. W. Bartlett, mason work,	2.75
J. V. Wolcott, repairs,	13.70
Springfield Lumber Co., lumber,	4.03
C. W. Hastings, supplies,	6.43
M. S. Converse, coal,	98.00
L. W. Dickinson, use of well,	5 00
Clark Hardware Co., lock,	.66
F. A. Bodurtha, repairs,	1 95
W. C. Campbell, janitor,	56 00
W. C. Campbell, wood and repairs,	4 25
Monroe Hayward, cleaning,	14 40
W. B. Rice, teams,	5 50
Annie Edgar, cleaning,	.50

 \$2,093.53

FEEDING HILLS SCHOOLS.

L. May Huntley, teaching 12 weeks,	\$96.00
L. May Huntley, care of room,	6.60
Sarah A. Graves, teaching 12 weeks,	108.00
Emma M. Bolton, teaching 12 weeks,	144.00
Carolyn E. Shirley, teaching 24 weeks,	288 00
Annie N. Chandler, teaching 23 weeks,	207.00

M. Lucy Pomeroy, teaching 24 weeks,	\$180.00
M. Lucy Pomeroy, care of room,	12 00
Fred A. Johnson, Jr., wood,	8.00
James F. Barry, wood,	5.50
G. O. Andrews, wood and supplies,	13.90
M. S. Converse, coal,	93.10
W. F. Cook, coal,	2.93
Mary A. Taylor, sweeping and key,	17 85
H. Rude, slating,	1.40
Edwin Leonard, repairs and cleaning,	10 76
A. E. Fuller, janitor,	53.85
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	\$1,248.29

MITTINEAGUE SCHOOLS.

Ernest A. Sweet, teaching 12 weeks,	\$144.00
Marguerite C. Connor, teaching 36 weeks,	324 00
Agnes I. Tubbs, teaching 12 weeks,	108.00
Jennie E. Alderman, teaching 36 weeks,	324.00
Nellie O'Keefe, teaching 12 weeks,	108.00
Bertha L. Jones, teaching 24 weeks,	216.00
Mary E. Richards, teaching 24 weeks,	216 00
A. P. D. Tobien, teaching 24 weeks,	304 00
Thomas Welch, janitor,	10.00
Henry L. Tower, janitor,	4 00
Frank Ross, janitor,	45.00
James M. Bean, janitor,	115.00
L. H. Scott & Co., coal,	10.00
W. F. Cook, coal,	52.01
M. S. Converse, coal,	202.39
C. P. Crook, wood,	5.25
H. Letellier & Son, supplies,	10.11
T. M. Walker & Co., glass,	3.66
R. O. Harper, glass,	.96
J. M. Bean, express, oil and keys,	4.15
L. C. Smith, express,	.60
Frank Ross, cleaning,	20.00
Frank Menard, cleaning,	7.72
James Menard, cleaning,	1.95
John Perusse, cleaning,	2.25
Mrs. Vezina, cleaning,	1.00
Edward Bascomb, cleaning,	1.00
Mrs. Le Sage, cleaning,	1.00
Delor Perusse, cleaning,	2.85

Cerile Perusse, cleaning,	.	.	.	.	.	\$0 90
W. F. Cook, teams,	.	.	.	.	.	4.75
George A. Graves & Sons, supplies,	.	.	.	.	.	10.88
Fuller, Warren Co., grate,	.	.	.	.	.	.78
						<hr/> \$2,262.21
Total expended,	.	.	.	.	.	6,585.85
Amount available, appropriation,	.	.	.	.	.	5.500 00
Income Mass. School Fund,	.	.	.	.	.	281.29
State Treas. for superintendent,	.	.	.	.	.	416.66
						<hr/> \$6,197.95

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF AGAWAM :

I hereby submit my first, and the seventh annual report of the Superintendent of schools.

Upon entering the duties of my office in September, I found the schools well graded, the work systematized, and the general cause of education far in advance of those towns that have as yet no superintendent of schools.

These results have been attained, I believe, through the efficiency of my predecessor, and the earnest support he has received from the School Board, as well as to the faithfulness of the teachers upon whom rests the burden of the work.

But excellent as has been the work already done, there are greater heights to be attained, and we must not stop with well doing. An understanding of the "Three R's" is highly important and cannot receive too much emphasis ; but to stop here is to rob the child of the best part of his inheritance. If the school does not give to him a well-rounded character, a power to understand the relation of things, and ability to grasp every circumstance in life, and lead him to an appreciation of the good in everything, it fails in that which is of prime importance, namely, to make true men and women of our boys and girls.

It may be said that the purpose of true education is so to develop the individual as to enable him to make the most of himself in everything good and noble ; or in other words, it consists in drawing out and developing all the God-given faculties that man possesses. To the home and the school belongs largely the duty of

accomplishing this purpose. If the home does not fulfill its duty in this respect, the school must supply the defect.

Parents often mistake and underrate the aim of school work, and consider that the mere accumulation of facts is the object of school training. But unless brain power is gained the work of the school is void.

In the proper and well-directed performance of his school work, the child should gain such a command of his faculties, and such an accumulation of will power, that he will ever be ready to seize opportunity "by the forelock" and meet every obligation of duty.

The child should be so trained that when coming to the cross-roads in life with no guide board to direct, he may be able to choose for himself the right way. Every lesson should be so taught and learned as to contribute to this all-desirable attainment. Merely to memorize or to learn with reference to special display is not educational in any proper sense of the term. Indeed, it may weaken rather than strengthen the pupil.

To bring into action the latent faculties of the child is absolutely demanded of the teacher, and with this view a knowledge of the child mind is an absolute necessity to successful work in the school-room. For school instruction should "adopt the means by which a non-thinking, non-reflecting, non-speaking child can most surely be trained into a noble citizen, ready to contend for the right and to die for the right.

In the gift of free will, we are endowed by our Creator with the power to work out our own destiny; and it is the highest function of education to help us overcome the disadvantages of troublesome environment and unfavorable circumstances, in the gaining of a noble manhood or womanhood. But while we seek this power, we should properly understand the scope and direction of its exercise. Is it merely to compete for our own selfish ends? or is it not rather to compete in doing good, and thus benefit not only ourselves but the world.

True education can but make a true man. If one seems to be educated, and is not a true man or woman, it is safe to infer that one has been the victim of wrong or faulty instruction.

In a word let it be said that any conception of education is

imperfect and inadequate, that does not contemplate the production of that well-rounded character, which shall embody in principle and action, "Whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report."

To attain this end your Superintendent has directed and will continue to direct his efforts, and trusts that every parent may know by personal visitation, just what the schools are doing or attempting to do for his child.

Arithmetic.

The work in Arithmetic is not as practical as is desired. There is much presented in this subject that is never used outside the schoolroom.

The work in arithmetic should relate, largely, to the practical affairs of every-day life; to problems that are met with in the home and in business, and which exercise and develop the judgment and reasoning faculties of the child.

"The boy who has been through college and cannot measure a pile of wood," may well be criticised, and the value of his training questioned.

Geography.

In teaching Geography pupils should visit, if possible, the section studied. Much use should be made of pictures, magazine and newspaper articles, as well as paints and the moulding board. In this way the child sees clearly the places studied; they become real to him, and thus his experience is broadened, for the study of geography is but an imaging of the present appearance of the earth's surface.

Many of our teachers already are working along these lines, but more can be done.

Public Library.

The Public Library should be an efficient source of help to the schools. More of the choicest works in science and literature,

if added to the library, could be used to good advantage by the pupils.

Writing.

The system of vertical penmanship in most of the schools is being well taught. The handwriting of the pupils has been greatly improved, thus showing the change to have been a wise one.

Painting and Water Colors.

The use of water colors has been encouraged, not for the purpose of teaching the children to paint pretty pictures, but rather to train the child's powers of observation and expression, as well as to make more real every line of school work. Every subject taught in our schools gains new power and life, as the brush or pencil tells its own truth concerning it.

To train the child to observe is to introduce him to the world of beauty that surrounds him. How blindly most of us go through life, merely for the lack of a little training in early years in learning how to observe.

Nature Study.

All development of the individual powers is by self-activity, but the degree and direction of it is largely determined by surrounding conditions. Hence the greater and more important part of one's education is gained after school days are over. Is it not wise, therefore, to more closely connect the environment of life with those of school, by including studies which will lead the child to the best understanding of his surroundings?

The teaching of science is no longer confined to the college and high school, but has its place in every grade of school work; for if it is not presented during the first years of the child's school life the great majority of the pupils will fail of receiving any part of it.

Much instruction in science can be adapted to the pupils in the lower grades, but "the pedagogical value of such instruction is not to be measured by the knowledge acquired, nor so much by the

amount [of discipline gained as by the fact that it reveals and interprets nature in such a way that the process of development, which the teaching of science merely begins in school, will be continued afterward by nature herself all through life.”

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation for the kindly support you have given me, and for the earnestness with which the teachers have gone forward in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. RICHARDSON.

Roll of Honor.

Names of pupils who were present every day during one or more terms.

ONE TERM.

Louise Ahl,
Harry Brown,
Charlie Brouse,
James Brady,
Katie O'Brien,
George O'Brien,
Katie O'Brien,
Rhea Bassett,
Bridget Begley,
Clarence Casgro,
Lizzie Corkery,
Bert Connors,
Bessie Cavanaugh,
Eva Covill,
James Cook,
Eva Dudley,
George Diegel,
Nellie Dodge,
Eva Dugan,
Cordelia Devinew,
George Depage,
Henry Depage,
Lucy Depage,
Ed. Deslaurier,
Everest Delourier,
Clinton Edgar,
Charlie Farrioli,
Ora Fountain,
Joseph Griffin,
Mary Hastings,

Willie Learned,
Delia Lefond,
Rachiel Letellier,
Pearl Manley,
Alice R. Moore,
Cora McIntire,
Bertha Mellor,
Eugene Madden,
Sylvia Maynard,
Frank Menard,
Louise Menard,
Henry Menard,
Thomas O'Brien,
Walter Oldroyd,
George Provost,
Frank Provost,
Henry Provost,
Dennis Quirk,
Thomas Quirk,
Howard Reed,
Ethel Rollinson,
Eva Roberts,
Leo Roy,
James Scully,
Willie Smith,
Arthur Spear,
Edna Taylor,
Edna Todd,
Charles Terrioli,
Loretta Viedeman,

Minnie Hayward,
 Arthur Hayward,
 Walter Hayward,
 Arthur Jones,
 Nellie Kirby,

Fred Vezina,
 Bessie Vredenburg,
 Horace Warden,
 Sadie Wright.

TWO TERMS.

Bertha Bennett,
 Miriam Brown,
 Bertha Campbell,
 Frederic Duclos,
 Arthur Goodrich,
 Philip W. Hastings,
 H. Flossie Johnson,
 George Porter,

Ernest Paro,
 Howard Reed,
 Mabel Smith,
 Howard Smith,
 Eva Spear,
 Lillian Spear,
 Louise M. Taylor,
 Sadie Taylor.

THREE TERMS.

Sarah Brouse,
 Jacob Diegel,
 Joseph R. Hastings,
 Percival Hastings,
 Thomson Hastings,
 Clifford Jones,

Irving Madden,
 Frank McKennon,
 Elsie Othick,
 Marion Reed,
 Ethel Rollinson.

STATISTICS FOR 1897-8.

SCHOOLS.	Terms.	TEACHERS.	Salary of Teachers.					Average Attendance.	Per Cent of Attendance	Pays Lost.	Tardiness.	Dismissals.	Visits by Citizens.
			No.	Weeks in Term.	Pupils Enrolled.	Pupils over 15 Years.	Pupils 8 to 14 Years.						
Agawam.....	S.	George B. Whitney.....	\$48	12 39	8 19	37	34	90.8	220	17	11	7	
Grammar.....	F.	George B. Whitney.....	52	12 44	9 20	33.8	37	95	348	10	5	14	
	W.	George B. Whitney.....	52	12 47	10 19	42.7	39	91.8	308	35	7	4	
Agawam.....	S.	L. Ada Moulton.....	36	12 36	1 33	33	29	88	148	53	10	17	
Intermediate.	F.	L. Pearl French.....	36	12 42	1 39	39	38	98	212	15	29	15	
	W.	L. Pearl French.....	36	12 45	2 38	40	38.6	95	404	40	10	9	
Agawam.....	S.	Jennie S. Thompson.....	32	12 35	.. 18	32	28	88	227	35	1	14	
Primary.....	F.	Blanche E. Thompson.....	32	12 24	.. 18	20.6	18	89.8	115	24	4	23	
	W.	Blanche E. Thompson.....	32	12 22	1 18	19	16	83.6	191	29	4	22	
Agawam.....	S.	Hulda U. Gates.....	32	12 32	1 17	25	21	86	848	52	17	5	
West Street..	F.	Hulda U. Gates.....	32	12 25	1 16	21	18	86	325	53	17	6	
	W.	Hulda U. Gates.....	32	12 20	.. 15	16	11.8	72	450	62	12	1	
Agawam.....	S.	Mrs. G. H. Havens.....	30	12 24	.. 13	23	21	91	142	10	3	1	
South Street.	F.	Carolyn M. Melendy.....	30	12 23	.. 13	19	17	89	345	16	5	6	
	W.	Carolyn M. Melendy.....	30	12 20	1 13	19	17	89	170	2	3	5	
Feeding Hills	S.	Emma M. Bolton.....	48	12 30	3 27	24.9	21.79	87	181	36	25	2	
Grammar....	F.	Carolyn E. Shirley.....	48	12 31	6 25	28.5	25	87	200	1	3	10	
	W.	Carolyn E. Shirley.....	48	12 31	6 25	29.5	26	88	204	1	0	12	
Feeding Hills	S.	Sarah A. Graves.....	34	12 41	.. 26	33.5	29.7	88.6	387	64	62	5	
Primary.....	F.	Annie N. Chandler.....	36	12 35	.. 27	33	31.9	96.6	134	3	7	8	
	W.	Annie N. Chandler.....	36	12 34	.. 27	29.6	28	94.8	150	4	6	4	
Feeding Hills	S.	L. May Huntley.....	32	12 21	.. 12	16	15	95	352	2	31	11	
West Street..	F.	M. Lucy Pomeroy.....	30	12 23	.. 16	21	20	94	166	10	7	17	
	W.	M. Lucy Pomeroy.....	32	12 19	.. 16	15	12.6	81	269	24	8	8	
Mittineague..	S.	Ernest A. Sweet.....	48	12 17	5 5	15	13.8	91	75	10	24	3	
Grammar....	F.	A. P. D. Tobien.....	48	12 21	7 8	20	18	92	87	41	49	3	
	W.	A. P. D. Tobien.....	52	12 21	9 7	17.8	16.5	94	65	44	22	2	
Mittineague..	S.	Jennie E. Alderman.....	36	12 24	2 17	21.8	19	89	228	28	0	6	
2d Grammar.	F.	Jennie E. Alderman.....	36	12 35	2 29	32	30	92	242	21	2	2	
	W.	Jennie E. Alderman.....	36	12 35	4 26	32	30	93	328	16	0	2	
Mittineague..	S.	Margarite C. Connor.....	36	12 37	2 33	32	31	92	50	5	0	3	
Intermediate.	F.	Margarite C. Connor.....	36	12 46	.. 41	42	37	97	78	16	0	2	
	W.	Margarite C. Connor.....	36	12 45	1 42	43	40	93	101	21	10	1	
Mittineague..	S.	Nelly O'Keefe.....	36	12 37	37	33	33	98	47	0	3	3	
2d Primary..	F.	Mary E. Richards.....	36	12 37	.. 20	33.8	32	96	75	22	1	4	
	W.	Mary E. Richards.....	36	12 34	.. 20	29	26	89.8	170	54	3	2	
Mittineague..	S.	Agnes I. Tubbs.....	36	12 41	.. 8	36.5	34.5	91	178	49	..	3	
1st Primary..	F.	Bertha L. Jones.....	36	12 37	.. 34.5	32	32	93	132	58	..	1	
	W.	Bertha L. Jones.....	36	12 36	.. 32	27	27	84	304	107	5	4	

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Enrollment,	.	.	.	.	.	536
Number of pupils under five,	.	.	.	.	.	3
“ “ over fifteen,	.	.	.	.	.	34
“ “ between eight and fourteen,	.	.	.	.	.	424
Average membership,	.	.	.	.	.	375.8
“ attendance,	.	.	.	.	.	338.9
Per cent. of attendance,	.	.	.	.	.	90.1
Total number of days lost,	.	.	.	.	.	8651
“ “ of dismissals,	.	.	.	.	.	366
“ “ of tardinesses,	.	.	.	.	.	1028
Length of school year,	.	.	.	.	.	36 weeks
Average salary of teachers,	.	.	.	.	.	\$39.60
Number of tuition students in West Springfield High						
School,	.	.	.	.	.	23
Pupils at private (parochial) school at Mittineague,	.					48

Report of Music Supervisor.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF AGAWAM :

In comparing the work of this year with that of last, I feel much encouragement ; the pupils are deeply interested in the music, and that alone means progression. In no place is it more perceptible than in Agawam. There seems to be an eagerness, a true interest in the work. I deeply appreciate the fact that the regular teachers inspire the pupils with a desire to learn. I also wish to thank the teachers, one and all, for their kind efforts in behalf of music, but I find it difficult to impress the teachers with the importance of exercises, continually ; it forms the foundation for the voice in after years ; constant song singing wears upon the fresh young voices. However, I hope to accomplish that yet. During the winter I joined the Association of Music Supervisors of Western Massachusetts. This society meets once in four months and is largely composed of teachers of wide experience and knowledge. I find much pleasure in discussing this work with those who have reached noble heights by faithful and conscientious labor. Among these supervisors we have Prof. Howard of Bridgeport, whose work there is widely known. I also visited the schools in Cambridge, Mass., and take great interest in comparing the work, always with consideration for the few opportunities of this territory in years gone by. Last year I missed one week ; this year I have only been absent from duty one day, and this was occasioned by the condition of the roads. I wish to thank all who have shown interest in music among the pupils, and I trust the future will awaken yet more enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLE W. CORWIN.

Agawam, March 11, 1898.

Appropriations Recommended for 1898.

Schools, Superintendent and Supplies,	.	.	\$6,000.00
High School Tuition,	.	.	1,000.00
Highways and Bridges,	.	.	2,500.00
Care of Poor,	.	.	2,500.00
Contingencies,	.	.	800.00
Town Officers,	.	.	1,200.00
State Aid,	.	.	250.00
Interest,	.	.	1,600.00
Sinking Fund,	.	.	1,000.00
Care of Town Halls,	.	.	50.00
Repairs on Buildings,	.	.	200.00
Street Lights,	.	.	100.00
Collection of Taxes,	.	.	300.00
Discount on Taxes,	.	.	750.00
Memorial Day,	.	.	50.00

